



Lawrence M Prato

August 26, 1929 - April 20, 2019

Lawrence “Larry” Prato, 89, of Worthington passed peacefully on April 20, 2019. Born in Nyack, New York, Larry was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Margaret “Peggy” Parry Prato, and his sister Kathryn Travaglini. Larry is survived by his daughters Cathy (Chip) Lothes of Lewis Center and Shari (Bill) Schwartz of Powell. He is also survived by four grandsons Jordan (Ashley) Lothes of Olathe, KS, Stefan (Natalie) Schwartz of Vista, CA, Stuart Schwartz and Rebecca Tiernan of Brooklyn, NY and Scott Schwartz and Kortney Salapack of Columbus, OH as well as three great grandchildren, Emerson and Graham Lothes and Jack Schwartz. In addition to his former neighbor and dear friend Barbara, he also leaves behind his sweet rescue dog, Duke.

Larry grew up in Congers, New York and worked in his family’s coal and lumber business. He joined the United States Air Force where he was stationed in Texas. Moving back to New York in the early 1950’s, he was introduced to Peggy Parry who would become his bride in 1954. They married in New York and moved to Columbus, Ohio to begin their life together. He attended Franklin University in the evenings to earn a business degree while working for several companies in the Columbus area including Bonney-Floyd, J.W. Hance Mfg. Company, Ben-Tom Corporation and Tec Mec.

Moving to Worthington in 1967, Larry and Peggy began a new chapter of their lives. He was actively involved in Worthington Civitan/Worthington Men’s Club and St. John’s Episcopal Church. Larry loved

sports and played tennis, racquetball, softball and volleyball well into his 70's. He followed the

Buckeyes, Browns and Indians and was in regular attendance at all four of his grandson's games.

When Peggy was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and placed into memory care, Larry spent every

day with her, helping her on her long walk home. After she passed in 2006, Larry began life on his own

with the help of his family and friends. Larry moved into assisted living at The Danbury in Columbus two

years ago. He truly enjoyed the wonderful staff and friends he made while he lived there.

His family wishes to thank the loving staff at The Danbury. Larry's memorial service will be held on May

4th at 2:30 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 700 High Street in Worthington. Family will receive

friends beginning at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal

Church in his memory.

Events

MAY **Memorial Service** 02:30PM

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St. John's Episcopal Church
700 High Street, Worthington, OH, US, 43085

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence M Prato.



May 02 at 03:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence M Prato.



May 01 at 09:19 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about this! My thoughts are with Shari and Cathy. I am thinking of you. .
Fondly, Lori Eyer Hegarty

Lori Hegarty - May 01 at 04:50 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I will always have fond memories of working with Larry at many corn roasts at St. John's.

Jim Turner

Jim Turner - May 01 at 02:48 PM



“ My deepest sympathies and love are being sent to you, Cathy and Shari, and to your families. Some of my fondest memories growing up in Worthington were when we lived across the street from you. Your dad was always so upbeat and happy! He had such a great sense of humor.

Love and hugs,

Vicki Feldmiller Nikoncyk

Vicki Nikoncyk - April 28 at 02:23 PM



“ We are both thinking of you all!!! A wonderful tribute to Larry will be sharing all your wonderful times together and the memories you created as a very special family!

Love,
Meg and George

Meg Ekdahl - April 25 at 10:19 AM