



**Bernard "Bud" Larson**, 86, lived a full and joyful life. On Saturday, December 14, 2019 he unexpectedly passed away while recovering from a stroke.

Bud was born to Bernie and Eva on January 26, 1933 in Ashland, WI. He was the youngest of three children. Shortly after graduating from Ashland High School in 1951, Bud enlisted in the Navy where he served as an aircraft mechanic in California and Hawaii from 1952-56. Following his military service, Bud received his Bachelors degree in biology and teaching certification from Northland

College in Ashland in 1961.

While in college Bud met his life-long partner Lois Ochsenbauer. They shared a love of exploration, adventure, and aviation. One such adventure was an early date when Lois landed her Ercoupe, rigged with skis, on the ice near the Larsons home on Chequamegon Bay. After picking up Bud she proceeded to buzz the house with Eva standing at the window. While this stunt failed to impress his mother, Bud was smitten. They were married in June 1958 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Ashland.

Bud began his teaching career at Eleva-Strum High School where he taught science, math and art, and was an assistant football coach. He returned to college and earned his Masters degree in art from Wisconsin State College-Superior (now UW-Superior) in 1967. He went on to teach art at Green Lake High School until his retirement in 1991. While there he also co-founded the ski club where hundreds of kids learned to ski.

Not surprisingly, retirement for Bud was in name only. He continued to work part-time for the U.S.D.A. as a food tester, helped out at his daughters antique shop, and was always working on several projects simultaneously at home. Bud had a knack for fixing anything mechanical from airplane engines to cuckoo clocks. He also had a life-long passion for art, especially ceramics, aviation, architecture, building, gardening, cooking, snow skiing, fishing, hunting, and reading. He was a true renaissance man.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 61 years Lois, son B.J. Larson (Mary Kay Gannon) of Mount Vernon, WA, and daughter Beth (Curt) Zamzow of Solon Springs, WI. He relished his role as grandpa to Leslie, Kevin, and C.J. Zamzow, and Noah Larson. Left with many years of fond memories are his sister, Yvonne Moore, brother-in-law Bob Ochsenbauer (Mary Lou), and 13 nieces and nephews.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents Bernie and Eva, sister Valrae Larson, brother-in-law Harry Moore, and sister-in-law Irene Juntunen.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 28 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Ashland with a gathering of family and friends starting at 10:00 a.m. Interment will take place at a later date.

Donations in honor of Bud may be made to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School or St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. Funeral arrangements by Mountain Funeral Home in Ashland.