



## Larry Josphe Pavel

April 4, 1943 - November 26, 2020

Larry Joseph Pavel was born on April 4th, 1943 in Dodge, NE to Joe and Marie Pavel. Larry, the oldest of three children, was later joined by sisters Jeannene and Karen. Larry graduated from Dodge High School then attended Wayne State, earning his degree in Secondary Education, and went on to teach Math and Science at high schools in Nehawka, Dodge, Fremont and Blair. Larry married Eileen Tichota in August of 1964. Larry and Eileen had three children, Jolene, Scott, and Vicki.

Larry believed in hard work and supplemented his teaching salary with various jobs including landscaping, painting houses, and selling insurance. Selling insurance eventually became Larry's passion and he retired from teaching to start his career in insurance, a passion held by him right up until the time of his death. He worked hard to make sure his clients were taken care of. Selling insurance went so well he decided to buy his own agency. The Pavel Insurance Agency was born. Larry thrived in this business, using his hard work ethic as an example to instill a no-nonsense attitude to his family, clients, co-workers and friends alike. Whether talking business, sports or life; there is nothing easier than having a conversation with Larry over a drink.

On July 23rd, 2000 Larry married the love-of-his-life, Donna Duree, welcoming a new family into his life. Larry treated Donna's family just like he did his own blood. Offering a helping hand to her kids and grandkids whenever he saw the

need. Donna passed away June 6th, 2011. Larry continued to be involved with Donna's family as her children and grandchildren continued to grow.

In 2014, Larry committed to Mary Ellen Eglseder. They enjoyed about as stereotypical retired life as you could get. Golfing four days a week, spending their winters in Florida and living life to the fullest were their favorite activities. Larry loved his Grandkids and supported them in any way possible. Whether that be spoiling them on birthday shopping trips, making them work for their Christmas money by putting it in a puzzle box, or attending every sporting event he could. Swimming, hockey, baseball, or volleyball; It did not matter what they were involved in Larry would be there. Larry stayed busy as long as his body would allow him. Even over a summer of a pandemic where he was immunocompromised; he still attended his Grandson's baseball games and got in a few rounds of golf.

Surrounded by his three children, Larry Joseph Pavel passed away in the early morning hours on November 26, 2020, Thanksgiving Day. We all had a little bit of Crown with our Thanksgiving dinners. While cleaning out his office, Larry's kids found a yellow note pad. Yellow note pads were Larry's version of the iPhone. On this note pad, they found written "8 rules 2 kick ass in life:"

1. See failure as a beginning, not an end
2. If you don't go after it, you won't get it
3. Always do more than is expected of you
4. Assume nothing and question everything
5. Make peace with the past or you'll pay for it
6. Stop thinking so much and START acting
7. Never compare yourself to others
8. Teach others what you know

If those rules do not explain the type of life Larry liked to live, think of John Wayne, his favorite movie star. The characters John Wayne played were often

tough, hardworking, no-nonsense men who stood for what's right and took care of who they loved. Along with having a collection of John Wayne memorabilia featured in his basement, some of Larry's favorite movies were "The Cowboys" and "True Grit." A John Wayne quote that captures Larry's personality, "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyways."

A private memorial service will be held for the family at Bethany Lutheran Church with inurnment in the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum in Omaha. The family is establishing The Larry J Pavel Cancer Support Fund to honor oncology nurses and support families of cancer patients. Memorials can be left or mailed to the funeral home. There will be a Celebration of Life in the spring at one of Larry's favorite Golf Courses.

The Reichmuth Funeral Home of Elkhorn is caring for the Pavel family at this time.

# Cemetery Details

## **Resurrection Catholic Cemetery**

78 & Center  
Omaha, NE 68101

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Josphe Pavel*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *So Sorry to hear of Larry passing, We enjoyed many CIC institutes, Am Ag trips and had really good times. He is now in a better place.  
Dwayne Rickert  
Hampton, Ne.*

**Dwayne Rickert** - December 14, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Larry Pavel family. May the Lord grant you peace, comfort and strength as you walk this path.*

*Bethany Care and Wellness Ministry*

**k. ule** - December 08, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ *I want to send my heartfelt condolences to Larry's children, especially Vicki! I remember working with her and her Dad many years ago. Larry gave me job when I was a middle aged women who had not worked since she was a teenager. He also got my husband Bob started in a career of crop adjusting. He was a kind and thoughtful person and will be missed by many.*

*Fern Brown*

**Fern Brown** - December 04, 2020 at 08:18 PM

Mary  
Ellen  
Eglseder

“ *Mary Ellen Eglseder lit a candle in memory of  
Larry Joseph Pavel*



Mary Ellen Eglseder - December 02, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Larry Joseph Pavel.*



December 02, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *Jerri Louden lit a candle in memory of Larry  
Joseph Pavel*



Jerri Louden - December 01, 2020 at 05:22 PM



*Will miss Larry in his colorful outfits! Have been working for and with  
him for almost 16 years! ♥♥♥♥*

Jerri Louden - December 01, 2020 at 05:25 PM

SL

“ We are so very sorry to learn of Larry's passing. He was always such a joy and a wonderful addition to our BBB golf league and he golfed for several seasons. Everyone enjoyed Larry's sense of humor and playful personality. He will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace, Larry, and prayers and hugs and kisses to his family and to Mary Ellen.



**SHERYL and STEVE LOUIS** - December 01, 2020 at 12:12 AM

AJ

“ Angie Jones lit a candle in memory of Larry Joseph Pavel



**Angie Jones** - November 30, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Joseph Pavel.



November 29, 2020 at 06:25 PM

LW

“ To the family, sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Lots of memories. Tony & Liz

**liz wiese** - November 29, 2020 at 06:04 PM

SG

“ Larry was my Chemistry teacher in high school. At the end of the day he sat with us and spent additional time to help us understand the equations. One day it just all snapped into place because of his patience and help. Years later I had the opportunity to tell him what a great teacher he had been. Seeing him on occasion at Special Olympics events was a treat. Sympathy and prayers for the family.

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**Sandy Gaube** - November 29, 2020 at 11:37 AM

JR

“ Jeannene Rossitto lit a candle in memory of Larry Josphe Pavel



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**Jeannene Rossitto** - November 28, 2020 at 08:08 PM

JR

“ This is his sister talking, Jeannene, and what do you say about a brother like Larry. First of all you had to be good in math ( I wasn't) he had very little patience trying to teach me math facts. Double dating with him was a riot for me, not for him. Who wants their little sister along on a date. He was always there for me, for the good and the bad, thank goodness we had more good than bad. I will always remember OMR and the sharing of stories. He was a brother like no other, but his job is not done yet, he still has to watch out for me and take care of me.:). Love you and miss you . Jin

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**Jeannene Rossitto** - November 28, 2020 at 08:04 PM

JR

“ For those who know of me, Larry was truly an inspiration to me. He pushed me and encouraged me to obtain my insurance license. Even after failing the exam many times, he continued to encourage me. He always greeted us ladies with “Good morning sunshine!”. Larry will always hold a special place in my heart. I would not be where I am if it weren't for that man. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family during this difficult time.

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**Jessica Ratfield** - November 27, 2020 at 11:52 PM

BP

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

*Jane and Bob*

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**Bob Patterson** - November 27, 2020 at 10:59 PM

PM

*Larry was a very kind man. He never had anything bad to say about anyone. He will be missed.*

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**Patrick Marr** - November 28, 2020 at 05:49 PM

AJ

*Many thoughts and prayers to the family. There are not enough words to express what a great man Larry was. He was my boss for several years. Enjoyed working with him and he taught me so much over the years. He was always so kind, happy, positive and full of energy. I will never forget us girls taking his John Wayne statue out of his office when we wanted to enter our agency in the parade, we needed it as part of our float. We all knew how much he loved that thing and was so worried we would damage it or get our butts chewed out. But it went over pretty well. He did not get to angry at us since it was put back in its place unharmed. He was always opening his home to everyone around the Holidays and it was great to spend those times at his home with his family and co workers. There are so many memories that I have and could go on. Larry will be missed by so many. May he rest in peace!*

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**Angie Jones** - November 30, 2020 at 10:05 AM