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Our beloved Larry, Lawrence R. Tremblay, age 91, passed away on October 31, 2025, in Asheville, North Carolina. He was born on June 27, 1934, in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Romuald and Leona Tremblay.

After his formative years, Larry attended college at Holy Cross and the University of Michigan, eventually graduating from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He honorably served his country for four years in the U.S. Navy, his final assignment being as an Air Controlman, Chief Petty Officer, aboard the carrier USS Saratoga.

Following his honorable discharge, Larry began a distinguished 30-year career in the U.S. Federal Government with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, later known as the Federal Aviation Administration. His assignments included Air Traffic Controller in Washington, DC and Miami, Instructor at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City, and Air Traffic Control Manager at the Minneapolis Enroute Center. He retired in 1984 and moved to Asheville, North Carolina—a place he fondly referred to as “God’s Country” for its beautiful mountains and climate.

In Asheville, Larry began a second career at Ballard's Appliance, where he worked for another 23 years before fully retiring in 2008. He was deeply involved in his community, serving on the Boards of the Asheville Home Builders Association, Meals on Wheels of Asheville, and the Parish Council of St. Eugene's Catholic Church. In retirement, he continued to volunteer with Meals on Wheels and St. Eugene's Church.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Romuald and Leona Tremblay; sister, Doris Fontana; his first wife, Irma Tremblay; and his daughter, Anne Tremblay.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Tremblay; sister, Joan Thresher; sons, Paul Tremblay (Iryna) and Thomas Tremblay (Kris); daughters, Mary Crouch and Janine Marchetti; stepsons, Robert Frey (Uli) and Rodney Frey (Candice); stepdaughter, Maria Hoecker; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 10, 2025, at St. Eugene's Catholic Church, 72 Culvern Street, Asheville, NC 28804. Inurnment of his cremated remains will follow in the church Columbarium, with a reception afterward in the church hall. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to two of Larry's favorite charities: Meals on Wheels of Buncombe County and Asheville Catholic School Annual Fund Drive.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church
72 Culvern Street
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.steugene.org>

Family Will Receive Friends Immediately Following the Services

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Tribute Wall

GR

“ Dear Family of Larry Trembley,
On behalf of the St. Eugene Church
Bereavement Ministry, I would like to express
my condolences for the loss of your loved
one. Know that our Ministry will be praying for
your family during this time of sadness. Please be in touch with us if
we can do anything to help your family.
Blessings,
Ginny Raviotta
St. Eugene Church Bereavement Ministry



Ginny Raviotta - November 15, 2025 at 12:26 PM

LR

“ I was very sad to hear about Larry's passing. Thank you to Emily for
letting me know. Larry was my favorite "Dad" of my friends. He was
so kind and genuine. He always showed he cared. We stayed in
touch with Christmas cards each year, and he would always call me
his other daughter. He was truly special. I am sorry to you all for
your loss. Take care. Lisa Kaphings Rahn.

Lisa Kaphings Rahn - November 15, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LP

“ I had the privilege of working with Larry at Ballard's Appliance & Cabinet Co. during the early nineties and we became good friends. I remember traveling with Larry to a Sub-Zero refrigeration meeting in Wisconsin and getting stuck in the Cincinnati airport all day long with flight after flight cancelled due to a fog bank that had overtaken the Midwest. After yet another flight cancellation and being told there was no way for us to get to our destination that night, Larry went into air traffic controller mode and literally stepped behind the desk and started looking over the screen himself and figured out us a flight out of there based on dew points in certain areas. The girl behind the counter was stunned, she knew she wasn't supposed to Larry do that, but she also recognized that he knew more about it than she did, so she let him! Larry saved the day. Rest in Peace my friend.

Lane & Angela Pressley

Lane J. Pressley - November 10, 2025 at 08:47 AM

KA

“To my dear Grandpa, you truly were a master storyteller. I've cherished this gift of yours ever since I was a child, captivated by the stories you would tell. Your ghost stories were always my favorite, and I will never forget the one about the witch's broom. That same warmth filled my childhood Christmases watching the train circle the tree, and our long walks through the mountains—a love for nature that has trickled down from you, through my father, to me, and now to my own children.

What I will treasure most is how you extended that same boundless love to my own family. Tim saw you as his own grandpa, and you poured that same affection onto our daughter and son. I love that you successfully taught Jonathan how to play Gin Rummy, and that he's already started trying to teach others. Your legacy lives on in these small, beautiful moments.

You were a regal and kind man, always smiling, and always showing and shining God's light. As I grew, our conversations blossomed into deep discussions of faith and life, and through them, I came to deeply admire the man of great character and conviction you were.

Thank you for the legacy of faith, love, and wisdom you've left behind. The love you had for me and my family has never been a question. Your voice and the example you set will stay with all of us forever. You are loved and will be deeply missed. I already miss hearing you beam with joy with my name on the phone.

I love you.

With Love Always,
Katherine





Katherine - November 09, 2025 at 12:31 AM

JW

“ *Worked with Larry for many years, it was a pleasure to work with him.especially when I beat him in sales which was very hard to do.*

Jimmy weatherford - November 06, 2025 at 10:37 PM

DS

“ *I am heartbroken to hear of Larry’s passing, but I will always treasure the opporunity to have known him and worked alongside him during his time on the Meals on Wheels board. I’m certain Larry played a role in the board’s decision to hire me 12 years ago, and I will forever be grateful for that. His passion for Meals on Wheels was immense, and his dedication made a lasting impact. I will miss you, my friend. Rest in peace.*

—Debbie Sprouse

Debbie Sprouse - November 06, 2025 at 02:02 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Tom & Kris



Tom - November 04, 2025 at 07:28 PM

KA

Absolutely beautiful ❤️

Katherine - November 08, 2025 at 11:50 PM