



Lawrence Frank Pylar

September 15, 1936 - December 27, 2025

Lawrence (“Larry”) Frank Pylar

September 15, 1936 Detroit, MI

December 27, 2025 Rochester Hills, MI

Larry Pylar was the devoted husband of 68 years to Carolyn (“Carol”) Pylar (Roehl). Larry and Carol met on a blind date during their senior year of high school and were married in 1957, beginning a lifelong partnership marked by love, shared curiosity, and deep commitment to family and community.

Larry attended De La Salle Collegiate High School and Wayne State University. He built a career as an analyst in the emerging field of computer technology. His professional journey took him through several roles across metro Detroit and concluded with his retirement from Ford Motor Company in 1999.

Throughout his life, Larry was a devoted admirer of Detroit’s rich cultural heritage. A passionate lover of music, art and theatre, he was a tenor who enjoyed singing informally and in choirs. Larry generously volunteered his time with the OPC in Rochester, the Fox Theatre, and numerous other community organizations. He especially loved leading a conversation group for recent immigrants learning English. For over two decades, he spent Thursday mornings surrounded by a close-knit group of men who gathered at a local diner to ponder life’s mysteries.

Larry and Carol were gracious hosts who loved socializing and frequently welcomed others into their home. He tended to their beautiful gardens, turned the huge compost pile, and kept the bird feeders well-stocked. Larry also enjoyed racquetball and running. In retirement, Larry and Carol shared travel adventures around the globe-from Alaska to Europe to the Panama Canal and beyond-both on their own and with family.

Larry is remembered as a big-hearted man of many words, endlessly curious and always eager to learn more.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Frank J and Estelle C Pylar, his brother, Kenneth; and his grandchildren Emma Hunstad and Justin Mallard. He is survived by his wife Carolyn; his daughters Jan Pylar, Karen Hunstad (David), and Sue Mallard (Darrin); dear daughter-in-law Jodi Pylar; his sons Mike Pylar (Dawn Ransdell), Gary Pylar (Jane Mokma); his grandchildren Briana Brown (Greg), Alex Hunstad (Katie), Erik Hunstad (Catherine), Hanna Benjamin (Connor), Kelsey Pylar (Jessica), Evan Pylar (Mandi Walters), and Jenna Scott; and his great-grandchildren Caroline, Owen, Marcus, and Matthew Brown; Jack, Emma, and Lucy Hunstad; Owen and Remi Scott; Keller Walters and Alden Pylar.

The family deeply appreciates all expressions of support. In Larry's memory, those who are able are encouraged to support their favorite charities in the new year.

Tribute Wall



“ I met Larry after moving to Twilight Meadows about 25 years ago. He and Carol were wonderful neighbors.

Carol McLaughlin - December 31, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Cathy Compton sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence Frank Pylar



Cathy Compton - December 30, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Frank Pylar.



December 29, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ Alliance Analytical Laboratories planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Frank Pylar.

Alliance Analytical Laboratories - December 29, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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“ *Beloved brother in law to Larry and Rose Kremer. We shared so many good times between vacations at Hilton Head, day road trips ending with dinner out and euchre with he and Carol. Larry will miss their donuts and discussion time with each sharing their knowledge. We will miss him. RIP*

Rose - December 29, 2025 at 01:24 PM