



Lawrence W. Walquist

July 1, 1929 - October 5, 2020

Lawrence W. Walquist Jr. (Larry), age 91, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2020. Larry was born July 1, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Edyth Alden and Lawrence W. Walquist. Also preceding in death, his wife and the love of his life, Sharon Scott Walquist (married July 1, 1953), and sisters Shirley and Pat. He will be deeply missed by his 4 children and 12 grandchildren, Gary (Cathy) Walquist of Kent, Washington (Kirsten, Lana); Mark (Martha) Walquist of Spring, Texas (Ryan, Kyle, Katie); Linda (Chip) Freimanis, of Renton, Washington (Natalya, Brolen, Brianna, Logan); and Linc (Sandy) Walquist of Upper Arlington, Ohio (McKenna, Delaney, Ingrid); as well as 12 great-grandchildren.

Larry served four years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a lifeguard and played football for the Navy. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he played football, met and married Sharon, and started a family. He graduated in 1957, and the family then moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where Larry attended the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, receiving his Master's degree in Landscape Architecture in 1958. After graduating from Harvard, Larry worked for the landscape design firm of Sasaki Walker and Associates and others and later had his own firm. In 1969, the family moved to Plantation, Florida, where Larry took a job with friend and colleague, Edward Stone, Jr. During his time with this prestigious firm, Larry traveled the world designing many resorts and golf courses. The Standard Oil Building (now the Aon Center) in Chicago was also a highlight for him. In 1973, the family moved to Zagreb, Yugoslavia (now Croatia), to design the Babin Kuk Resort in Dubrovnik on the Adriatic Coast before returning to Florida 14 months later.

Deciding on a career change, Larry moved his family to Columbus, Ohio, in 1975 to take a position as a professor with The Ohio State University where he taught Landscape Architecture for over 30 years. In the mid-80s, he founded the Landscape Architecture Master's Program, chairing the program for the first 6 years. Larry loved teaching, and the students loved him. During his tenure, Larry also instituted the Universidad Católica de Córdoba academic exchange program, traveling to Argentina on several occasions with his wife and several students. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by UCC.

Larry retired in 2004 as a Professor emeritus at OSU. In 2007, he became a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, truly the apex of his career. He continued to use his talents as a consultant for Kinzelman Kline, a local firm made up of his former students, but he spent the majority of his retirement enjoying his family. He was a member of the First Congregational Church. He loved nature and, during his world travels, he took many photos of the nurseries, gardens, and churches his family visited and which he loved to sketch later in life. He loved to draw and was quite good at it. Larry swam laps nearly every day until his Alzheimer's prevented him from driving to the pools at Devon and OSU. He spent his last few years at National Church Residences in Hilliard for memory care, though he never once forgot a family member who came to visit and never lost his great sense of humor. A true gentleman, Larry's charisma and charm will live on through his family and everyone's lives he touched. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Lawrence W. Walquist Endowed Scholarship Fund online at www.give.osu.edu/Walquist. If mailing a check, please put the name of the fund in the memo section and make the check payable to The Ohio State Foundation, P.O. Box 710811, Columbus, OH 43271. A celebration of Larry's life will be held at a later date. Please visit www.schoedinger.com to share memories and condolences. Funeral arrangements entrusted to SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST CHAPEL.

Comments



“ Larry was my Uncle Bud, my mom's closest sibling. He always had a terrific sense of humor, a touch wicked and frequently unfiltered. He also had a great laugh and a quick wit. When I was 12, Bud helped me overcome my biggest fear: water. Seeing that I was floundering near the side of the Oakley's pool in the shallow end while my cousins darted around like fish, he took me aside for a heartfelt lesson. Everyone knows Bud loved to swim, but he was also a patient and skilled instructor. Recognizing that I knew the moves but was afraid of being in over my head, he showed me how to put it all together. Within a few minutes, I began to swim, confidently, and was soon diving off the board. No doubt peer pressure played a role, but Uncle Bud was the catalyst. In helping me the way he did, he made my life better in so many ways. I will be forever grateful. Love to my cousins Gary, Mark, Linda and Linc and their families. Larry Barnhart

Lawrence Barnhart - November 09 at 04:59 PM



“ Dear Fans of Larry my father,
Thank you all for the touching words, Dad will be missed, I'm so happy to hear his influence on all of you. He was a loving father, professor and husband to Sharon .I am blessed to have been his daughter, Linda

Linda Walquist Freimanis - November 05 at 03:04 PM



“ To Linc & Family,
I remember one particular Lacrosse trip back from DCD in Michigan...and learned that your dad was quite the jokester and a very funny man. I think I got a very unexpected education during that road trip. He was a one-of-a-kind, wonderful man. Sending you my condolences and favorite memory. Hope you are finding strength and comfort in your family, friends and memories!
Robin Razor Thompson

Robin Razor Thompson - October 22 at 03:06 PM



“ Good afternoon, Gary, Mark, Linda and Linc. Susan Brooks here. Your parents were my good friends and they were interesting and fun neighbors. We enjoyed several "happy hours" and good talks. Sharon and I played bridge together often and I'm now singing in her choir, wishing I'd joined when she was still singing at First Church. Thank you for taking such good care of them in their days of need. I miss them a great deal.

Susan Brooks - October 14 at 04:30 PM



“ Larry was a professor of mine at OSU. I learned so much from him that words can not express. His wisdom was only surpassed by his kindness. Understanding, and patience. May he rest in eternal peace.

Steven Tomasi - October 14 at 07:01 AM



“ Larry had a profound impact on my life and career and I know I am not alone this declaration. He effortlessly taught countless students/grad students the complexity of landscape architecture armed with his characteristic humor, hats (Who doesn't remember Sven Solarson?), doodles, and bottomless archive of files/drawings/sketches. Larry was warm, accessible, and always smiling. I loved eating lunch with him in studio - where he would regularly join us just to talk. He loved and taught the expression of beauty like no else.
To his family - May I share my most heartfelt thanks for sharing him all those years. In this time of sadness may you find peace that LWW Jr. truly made the world a better place through his work, mentorship, and laughter.

Chad Brintnall - OSU, MLA 1999

Chad Brintnall - October 13 at 08:40 PM



“ Dear Walquist Family - On behalf of our Mom (Claire) and all three Carpenter boys, we send our thoughts and prayers on the loss of Larry. He was a good friend of Dad's and was always nice to us on our numerous visits to Brown Hall on campus. I will always remember how nice he was to me after Dad's funeral 20 years ago and I'm glad you all got to spend so many amazing years enjoying his wit and wisdom. May God bless you all

Sean Carpenter and the Carpenter family
Upper Arlington

Sean Carpenter - October 12 at 03:01 PM



“ Larry was a gift in my life. His caring and generosity of time and guidance will never be forgotten. Sharon and Larry were an amazing couple and we have fond memories of spending time at their lovely home reconnecting and sharing our life experiences. What bright lights they were.

Scott Smith OSU-BSLA 79'

Scott E Smith - October 12 at 01:00 PM



“ One of the greatest men & teachers yet one of the humblest. Others always came first & no one was a stranger. He will be greatly missed by all!

Matt Schultz, OSU, BS. LA, '89

Matthew Schultz - October 11 at 06:44 PM



“ Sympathies from the Central Ohio Sigma Kappa Alumnae. We enjoyed Sharon at our meetings (and her officer status) through the years. We knew how supportive Larry was of our meetings at their home and will now miss them both.

Thanks Larry and Sharon for all you've done for our sorority.

Prayers to the family.

Elaine Housley and the entire COSK group.

Elaine A Housley - October 11 at 04:10 PM



“ I was just one of the many students of Larry's that we owe our careers to....he was an outstanding professor! He had a way of mixing hard studio work with fun and to this day I have based my professional practice around this value. There are many of my colleagues in our design firm that feel the same way. Several of us landscape architecture disciples of Larry were fortunate enough to visit with him last fall and retell many of the student studio class stories from OSU. We had a grand time and Larry remembered us three cut-ups from the late 70's. He still had his sense of humor though, because he told us he didn't think any of us would graduate....wink, wink. That was Larry. We will miss him dearly but the lives he influenced will live on forever, passing along Larry's design and practice values that he instilled in us. My deepest sympathies go out to the entire Walquist Family. Thank You for sharing Larry with the world as many of us would not have accomplished our careers with out him. Tell his stories and celebrate his life! May God Bless Him!
Tim Schmalenberger, FASLA, OSU BSLA '80

Tim Schmalenberger - October 11 at 11:18 AM



“ I was a student of Larry's in the OSU Landscape Architecture program. He was an amazing professor. We will all miss his hearing his wonderful stories, always told with a twinkle in his eyes. My sincere condolences to all of Larry's family on your loss.
--Kathy Fox, OSU LA '80

Kathy Fox - October 10 at 10:43 AM



“ Great Memories of Larry while in the LA program at OSU. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

Dan Frank OSU LA '92

dan frank - October 10 at 08:31 PM



“ Godspeed, Larry Walquist, Jr., on the next leg of your beautiful journey.

I will be forever grateful that our paths crossed while I was a student of yours.

You not only were an erudite professional, teaching the profession of landscape architecture with your talent, knowledge, and life experience; you also showed us the way to that knowledge with your nurturing, loving guidance as we figured things out.

You will be greatly missed by anyone who knew you.

Rest in Peace.

Dave Gerstenmaier, OSU LARCH '83

David C. Gerstenmaier, Sr. - October 26 at 03:06 PM



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Kathy Fox - October 10 at 10:39 AM