



## Larry A. Lonis

January 28, 1949 - August 5, 2022

Larry Alan Lonis, 73, of Geneva, Illinois passed away peacefully on Friday evening August 5, 2022. He was born in Aurora, Illinois on January 28, 1949, to Walter and Lucille (Vandever) Lonis.

During his childhood he enjoyed spending summers with his Uncle Glen and Aunt Juanita in Glenwood, Missouri. He enjoyed camping, hiking, and horseback riding. As a teenager on a summer trip to Colorado to see his brother Walt, Larry was saved when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized.

On his 19th birthday, January 28, 1968 he went to a dance with his friends at "The Dungeon", a teenage dance club in Aurora, Illinois. Unbeknownst to him, he would meet the love of his life and future wife, Roswitha Brendli. For him it was love at first sight and when he spotted her across the room, he turned to his friends and said, "See that girl, I'm going to marry her". They ended up dancing together that night and he got her phone number. Love at first sight for him, and a growing relationship led to their engagement on Thanksgiving 1968. Rose worked while Larry went to college. They were married August 22, 1970, at Sacred Heart Church in Aurora, IL and started their married life living in North Aurora. Once Larry completed his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University in 1971, they started to plan their life together including children. They had three children together; David (1973), Melissa (1976), and Kristina (1977).

Larry was a graduate of West Aurora High School. During his educational

years, Larry worked various jobs while trying to make ends meet. One of the more impactful jobs was working for Frank's Service Station in Aurora. Larry managed the overnight shift and found out quickly this wasn't for him when a car fell off the lift. No one was hurt except his ego, as he realized working with his hands was not his future. This motivated him to finish his undergraduate education in marketing and he pledged to never stop learning. He was driven to improve his quality of life and that of his family as well. He went on to earn his Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree at Northern Illinois University. Larry also became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in 1977. He worked as an auditor for Belden and Cooper Industries in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Larry worked his way up through the accounting/banking ranks doing basic accounting services, auditing, managing banking portfolios, land management and real estate trusts, REITS, and became a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). In 1984, he began working for the First National Bank of Chicago. He worked through the mergers of First Chicago NBD (1995), Banc One (1998), and Chase (2004). In 2009, he made the difficult decision to leave and join Bank of America and never retired, working was a true passion of his. Based out of Chicago, Illinois, he traveled for work to various places around the globe. Some his most notable stops were India, and domestically Manhattan, New York and Columbus, Ohio. He was inspirational to countless team members and always took the time to help or volunteer to lead projects. Larry was also an adjunct professor at DePaul University teaching graduate classes from 1993 thru 2020. He also taught for the CFA program around the world including in Thailand and Germany.

In November 2017, Larry was honored with a CFA Lifetime achievement award from the CFA Society.

Larry had many passions in life including family, faith, history, trains, traveling, music, and work. Larry had a sharp mind and was able to remember the smallest details of all his life experiences. Every week at family dinners he would comment on how wonderful someone was that he met, or how interesting a geographic location was, or how music made strong connects to

life events. Larry's catch phrase "It's a beautiful thing" was typically precluded with his right hand touching his eyeglasses. This was his sign he was about to tell a story and to pay attention.

One of his biggest joys was becoming a grandfather. His grandson Tyler meant the world to Larry and was a true blessing. Larry was incredibly thankful to have a grandchild and blessed to have the energy to be active with him. They had many great excursions together, but his favorite was a train trip they took together to visit his brothers Walt and Jack in Colorado. His love of trains came from his father who was a train conductor. The clickety clack of the track was music to his ears. This explains why he did not mind the hour plus commute from Aurora to Chicago and back for work for over 35 years. For him it was time to relax and reflect on all his happy memories.

Larry was selfless and an inspiration to all who knew him. His life was full of accomplishments, but he was most proud of his ability to guide his family though the heartache of recent health issues.

He is preceded in death by his Parents, Walter and Lucille (Vandever) Lonis, and two brothers Jack Lonis and Dale Lonis.

He leaves behind to mourn his passing his wife of 51 years, Roswitha (Rose) and three children David Lonis, Melissa (Jaret) Adrian, and Kristina Laurie. One grandson, Tyler Adrian; one brother, Walt (Joanne) Lonis; two sisters-in-law, Kelly Brown Lonis and Cindy Lonis.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the: American Red Cross ([redcross.org](http://redcross.org)).

Funeral Service will be Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora. 630-631-5500. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM Friday, August 12, 2022. Private interment will follow. To view the live stream of Larry's service click <https://vimeo.com/737673232> .

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry A. Lonis



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Daleiden Mortuary - August 10, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Larry A. Lonis



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Daleiden Mortuary - August 08, 2022 at 05:00 PM

BE

“ Rose and family,

*I'm very sorry to hear about Larry's passing. We met when he joined First Chicago in the early-1980s and we regularly kept in touch over the past 40 years. It was always good to get together for lunch and to hear about the family, his work and his teaching. He was a very hard worker and a good friend. He will be missed.*

*My condolences and best regards, Brian Ericson*

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Brian Ericson - September 16, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Kristina Lonis lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Lonis*



Kristina Lonis - August 30, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Larry A. Lonis.*



August 11, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *44 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Daleiden Mortuary - August 10, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *Deepest heartfelt condolences on Larry's passing. He was an awesome supervisor (FNBC/Bank One) & even more amazing friend after our work relationship ended but not our caring! May his Memory be an enduring Blessing on all who knew him! Truly! Barry Mogil*

Barry Mogil - August 10, 2022 at 04:53 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Larry A. Lonis.*



August 09, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Larry A. Lonis.*



August 09, 2022 at 01:23 PM

JG

“ I met Larry when I was a Conductor on the Aurora / Chicago Metra. He possessed a very approachable glow. When Larry introduced himself, I learned his father and my father worked together as Conductors on the CB&Q. We both grew up on the West Side of Aurora and were proud sons of good fathers. And were born just months apart.

*When Larry visited with me, I felt I was the most important persons in his life. He was a tremendous listener and an eloquent speaker.*

*Larry was a person I thought of as kind and considerate person. Who was also wonderful husband and father.*

*Because he brought peace to many good people, I am confident that Larry will rest in peace.*

*Sincerely  
James Guseman*

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**James Loren Guseman** - August 09, 2022 at 10:50 AM

SB

“ Larry is my cousin's husband. He was an amazing man. He was intelligent, hard working and fun loving. I have fond memories of him and his family including me in many family outings. Loved our family dinners at our Aunt Marie's house. He will be dearly missed by his family. Sending our sympathy to Rose, David, Melissa, Jaret, Tyler and Kristina. Love, Brian and Sandy (Brendli) Banbury

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**Sandra (Brendli) Banbury** - August 08, 2022 at 05:40 PM