



Larus "Larry" J.W. Thomasson

November 19, 1932 - December 13, 2025

Larus "Larry" J.W. Thomasson, 93 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Saturday, December 13, 2025, at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, MN. A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 19, 2025, at First Lutheran Church in Little Falls, at 11:00 AM, with Bob Mueller officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 AM on Friday, prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Drayton, ND, at a later date. Caring for Larry and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls.

Larry was born on November 19, 1932, to Larus and Petrina (Magnusson) Thomasson at his aunt's home in Park River, North Dakota. He lived his early years with his parents in Garder, ND, and Park River, ND. When he was 9 years old, they moved to Drayton, ND, where Larry graduated from high school in 1950.

In 1954, he graduated magna cum laude from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and sang in the Concordia Choir. Larry married Zelta Marsh on September 18, 1954, in Drayton, ND. Although this marriage ended in divorce, together they had four children: Ann, Kristin, Larus Mark, and Joan. He taught music, band, and choir in North Dakota for 15 years—in Beulah, ND, Valley City, ND, and Wahpeton, ND.

After moving to Little Falls, MN, in 1970, he taught music in Little Falls Community Middle School for 24 years. Larry married Sylvia Jeffery on March 24, 1979, in the First Lutheran Church in Little Falls. They enjoyed going to

Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis and many musical events in St. Cloud and Brainerd.

Larry was a member of Kiwanis and the Little Falls Barbershop group for many years. As a member of First Lutheran Church, he directed the senior choir for 20 years and continued to sing with this group until his eyesight failed. Some of Larry's happiest times were at their cabin on Lake Alexander near Little Falls where he took children and grandchildren boating and fishing, listened to the loons, and sat on the deck.

Larry enjoyed working in his shop, where he created many useful items and many quirky, not-so-useful objects.

Larry is survived by his wife Sylvia of 47 years; four children, Ann Thomasson, Enderlin, ND, Kristen (Larry) Doerr, Buffalo Lake, MN, Larus Mark, The Philippines and Joan (Paul) Smithey, Lenexa Kansas; twelve grandchildren, Joe Thomasson, James (Holly) Knutson, Karen Knutson, Ross (Karen) Doerr, Laura (Kevin) Ketcher, Heidi (Andy) Ulrich, Heather (John) Kelly, Larus (Haylee) Thomasson, Leah (Matthew) Halaseh, Valerie Smithey, Danielle Smithey, Thomas Smithey; 30 plus great grandchildren; sisters, Lila Prigge (Glen) Grand Forks, ND; Dianne Steiner, Fairfax, VA; and brother-in-law David (Linda) Jeffery, Eden Prairie. MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Larus and Petrina Thomasson; infant daughter, Karen; father-in-law; mother-in-law; and brother-in-law, John Steiner.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church - Little Falls
2100 Riverview Drive
Little Falls, MN

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HM

“ Heather M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larus "Larry" J.W. Thomasson.

Heather M. - December 17, 2025 at 04:50 PM

AK

“ Ann K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larus "Larry" J.W. Thomasson.

Ann K. - December 17, 2025 at 03:18 PM

CM

“ Prayers and condolences for Sylvia and family. Blessed be Larry's memory .



Claudette Moran - December 16, 2025 at 11:58 PM

GS

“ Larry was always graciously welcoming toward me, even remembering my name when I thought he may not know me! His compassionate demeanor is one to be emulated by all of us. God's blessings upon Sylvia, their children and grandchildren, and all loved ones!

greg spofford - December 16, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SN

“ Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Larus "Larry" J.W. Thomasson



Sandy Nelson - December 15, 2025 at 09:31 PM

LG

“ Lila, Glenn, Randy, Mary, Traci, & Greg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larus "Larry" J.W. Thomasson.

Lila, Glenn, Randy, Mary, Traci, & Greg - December 15, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Larus "Larry" J.W. Thomasson.



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