

Lawrence Joseph Polries, 63, Jamestown, ND, died in an accident on September 19, 2023.

Larry was born to Donald and Sheila (Barry) Polries on January 6, 1960, in Carrington, ND. He grew up on a large family farm near Sykeston, ND. Larry played the trumpet and participated in school plays, basketball, track, and other school sports until graduation from Sykeston High School in 1978.

Larry was involved in farming nearly all his life, except for brief ventures in custom combining and coal mining. He returned to North Dakota and married Michelle Richter in 1982. They had four daughters, Ginger, Jessica, Vanessa, and Joselyn, and farmed near Sykeston, later moving to Jamestown.

In 2012, Larry married the love of his life Cessna Waliser on a beach in the Gulf of Mexico. They continued to visit that area every winter and were planning to have a winter home there one day. Larry, Cessna, daughter Rio, and stepdaughter Brooke resided near Jamestown.

In the 1980s, Larry purchased an ultra-light aircraft to repel blackbirds from eating sunflower crops, and his love for flying was born. In 2000, he started an airplane crop-spraying business, which he grew into an operation that served hundreds of farmers annually from the Carrington airport.

Larry enjoyed planting his fields in the spring and watching them grow. He also enjoyed visiting with all his customers when they stopped at the airport. Larry lived life to the fullest, he was an avid skier of the mountains, as well as snowmobiling. He liked going fast, especially in his Red Mach 1 Mustang and his Harleys. Riding a motorcycle was a big part of his life and brought the biggest smile to his face. Fear was not in his vocabulary. He also loved to walk the beaches and collect seashells every year with his family and take in the beautiful sunsets on the Gulf Coast. Sunday boating always made for a good day especially if the fish were biting. Larry will always be remembered for his beautiful smile and his iconic giggle, which will forever be missed.

Larry was a member of the ND Agricultural Aviation Association, he served as chief operating pilot overseeing the training and mentoring of future ag pilots. He was a squadron member of the Civil Air Patrol for several years. Larry and Cessna were awarded the Wells County Soil Conservation Achievement Award recently. Larry also devoted many hours to the James River Figure Skating Club.

Larry is survived by his wife, Cessna, Jamestown; children, Ginger (Tyler) Doeling, Carrington, Jessica (Brad) Warren, Moorhead, MN, Vanessa (Dakotah) Walker, Fargo, Joselyn Polries, Scottsdale, AZ, Rio Polries, Brooke Graalum, both of Jamestown, Matt Mitzel, Munich; nine grandchildren; his sisters, Linda (Charlie) Donlin, Bismarck, Julie Larson, Olathe, KS, Peggy (Mark) Anderson, Bismarck, Patti (Bruce) Penas, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; brother, Jon (Stephanie) Polries, Sykeston; sister-in-law Kim Polries, Thompson; many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families; along with many lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, infant Donald Michael and David Polries; grandson, William Polries; and brother-in-law, Lyndon Larson.


Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Lawrence "Larry" Polries

JANUARY 6, 1960 – SEPTEMBER 19, 2023



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Larry Joseph Polries

January 6, 1960 – Carrington, ND
September 19, 2023 – rural New Rockford, ND

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings.
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung.
High in the sunlit silence, hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting winds along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

VISITATION

Friday, September 22, 2023
2:00PM – 7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

ROSARY / VIGIL SERVICE

Friday, September 22, 2023
Rosary ~ 6:45PM | Vigil Service ~ 7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, September 23, 2023
10:00AM
St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Sykeston, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Terry Dodge

SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebration Singers
Linda Donlin ~ Jon Polries
Mike Seil ~ Addison Seil

PALLBEARERS

Cody Waliser ~ Jade Waliser ~ Dakotah Walker
Brad Warren ~ Mitch Schulz ~ Tyler Doeling
Wayne Kamoni ~ Paul Anderson ~ Jamie Halverson ~ William Loose

BURIAL

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Cemetery, Sykeston, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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*Your life was
a Blessing,*



*Your memory
a Treasure.*



*You are loved
beyond Words,*



And will be missed beyond Measure.

