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Larry Patrick Lees, Jr. age 42 of Madison Heights, Michigan passed away peacefully at home March 6, 2022 surrounded by his family. He was born on March 14, 1979 in Detroit, Michigan. He also previously resided in New York and Philadelphia over the last twenty years after graduating from college.

Beloved Son of Larry Sr. and Diane Lees. Loving Nephew, Cousin and friend to many.

Larry worked for Music Theatre International in New York, where his passion for music and musical theatre were nourished. He was a Composer, Arranger, Orchestrator & Lyricist resulting in several original plays created in collaboration with his closest friend and college roommate, Brian Silliman.

He also enjoyed acting and performed in many musical theatre productions in Philadelphia where he previously resided. He also arranged and conducted for “The Summer Club”, an original cabaret night club show featuring a 17-piece band, where the sound of a big band fired him up.

Larry will be missed dearly by his family and friends who knew & loved him.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date.



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Alexa Layson posted:

Larry, thank you for your time with the band, orchestra, and theater students at University Liggett school. You made an impact during your time here, and you will be missed!

March 11 at 7:14 AM



Alexa Layson shared a photo to the **Larry** album.



March 11 at 7:12 AM



Erik St. Charles posted:

My beloved cousin L.J. Growing up with you was both an honor and a pleasure at all times. You were an inspiration to me through your kindness, intelligence, keen sense of humor, but above all your Spirit. I will cherish our time together and countless fond moments we spent through the years every day, as you will be missed but not forgotten ❤️. - Your cousin Erik

March 11 at 4:47 AM



Shirley Booker posted:

I knew Larry Jr. (L.J.) from his birth. I worked for his grandfather, Mr. Eugene Kuhn, where he was the President since 8/31/1977 thru 05/2008. LJ would come into the office and head directly to his Grandfather's office. He was always so shy, however, when I attended one of his high school musicals, I was so shocked to see him in his "element." Over the years, I have been blessed to remain a part of the family to this day. My heart is truly aching for his parents and extended family; as well as myself. I am truly praying that our Heavenly Father will bless each one of us that Larry touched and blessed our lives with God's continued love, peace, strength and comfort. I am standing on the promises of God in His Word; "He promised never ever to leave His children alone. He promised to be with us until the end of the world. He promised to be our Shepherd and that He would not put no more on us than we can bare. Jesus promised that He would be returning to the Father but that He would not leave us comfortless because He promised to send His Precious Holy Spirit to guide us; comfort and keep us and to bring to our remembrance all that Jesus has taught us. I am standing on His precious promises because they are yea and Amen! God is a Promise Keeper and He will keep those that have chosen Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Diane and Larry, please continue to hold on to God's unchanging hand. I will continue to life you all before God in prayer. I love you all, Shirley Booker.

March 10 at 9:48 AM



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David Abell posted:

Larry was a wonderful friend and musical colleague to me for many years, helping me again and again with complicated projects. He was also very supportive to my orchestra, the Philly POPS. A truly great human being. We will cherish his memory! David Charles Abell

March 9 at 1:49 PM



Debbie Lannen posted:

I will always cherish my time with Larry, or Mr. Larry as he was known at the Marquis Theatre. He music directed so many of my shows. He even took over a lead (with no notice) so the show could go on! I thank him for the mentorship and friendship he showed to our son Tony. He was an incredibly talented and warm hearted person who never failed to find time for me when I would unexpectedly show up in NYC. RIP my dear friend.

March 8 at 11:21 AM



Lucas De Almeida posted:

Mr. Lees taught our band class at University Liggett while our teacher was on maternity leave. I'm convinced he was the best teachers we could've gotten. He had an unforgettable personality; one that always lit up the classroom and motivated us to play. He promoted diligence inside and out of the classroom for the sake of fulfilling potential, not for meeting a quota. He will be dearly missed by us all. For the rest of our lives, we'll be able to hear him in our music.

March 8 at 8:21 AM



Ari posted:

Mr. Leese was a great teacher when he was a long term substitute at University Liggett School. He was a great teacher and he will be missed. Ari Medvinsky class of 2025

March 8 at 7:39 AM



Barbara Becker posted:

My heartfelt condolences to Larry's family and friends. He was sweet, witty, kind, incredibly knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with at MTI over the years. He will be sorely missed and I hope his loved ones will find comfort in knowing how beloved he was by all who knew him. Barbara Becker

March 8 at 6:10 AM



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Drew Cohen posted:

Larry, This is too hard to believe. The entire MTI family and the authors we represent will miss working with you. We will miss your top-quality work, sharp intellect and sharper wit, and a smile that brightened every room. Looking at the photo on this page it is impossible to believe you are gone. Rest in peace.-Drew Cohen

March 8 at 4:56 AM



Matthew Hanly posted:

I am beyond sad by this devastating news. Mr and Mrs Lees, I am so sorry and can't imagine how you must feel. All these years later, they remember his huge smile and laughter. Heaven definitely gained an angel.

March 7 at 4:59 PM



Phillip Moss posted:

Larry came back home and assisted in directing Mamma Mia! at Liggett in March of 2021. He was a generous teacher, a thoughtful mentor, and a wonderfully talented man. I was blessed to work with him, learn from him, and enjoy his company. Dr. Phillip W. Moss University Liggett School

March 7 at 4:08 PM



Melissa Hart shared an album called **Larry**.



March 7 at 12:16 PM



Dennis Hurley sent a Blue and Yellow Orchid Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) to the Lees family.



March 7 at 10:01 AM



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Larry leading the student pit orchestra for Liggett's 2021 production of Mamma Mia



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He was so serious, so thoughtful...and then he wasn't...and we were frogs....and we laughed.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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