



William J. LaPere

November 28, 1944 - November 30, 2023

William Jonathan LaPere, known affectionately as Jon to his family and Bill to his colleagues, passed away peacefully at his home in St. Clair Shores on November 30, 2023, following a long illness. He was 79 years old, having been born in Detroit on November 28, 1944.

Jon was the youngest of eight siblings, preceded in death by his brothers Jack, Jerry, and Jimmy, and sisters Joann, Jean, Joyce, and Judy. He leaves behind a legacy of love and commitment as a family man, survived by his devoted wife of 38 years, Caroll, and his cherished children Gail, Sue, Rick, Jonathan, Sean, Holly, Michael, Geoffrey, Caryn, and Jason. This includes both biological and bonus children, whom he loved and guided with equal fervor. His memory will also be treasured by his numerous nephews, nieces, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Bill dedicated 31 years of his life to the Detroit Police Department, where he was revered for his commitment and integrity, earning numerous merit citations. His steadfastness as a friend was evident in the lifelong relationships he maintained with his work partners.

A proud Army veteran, Jon honored the legacy of his father, Jacque LaPere, through active involvement in veteran organizations such as the VFW, Amvets, and kept his membership in the American Legion current.

Aside from his professional and family life, Jon was blessed with a beautiful baritone voice, which he shared as a member of the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Harmony Society. His love for singing was just one of the many ways he touched the lives of those around him.

Jon's life was a testament to service, love, and dedication. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his generosity of spirit, sense of duty, and unwavering love for his family.

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 East Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Instate

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CV

“ Cora V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. LaPere.

Cora V. - December 11, 2023 at 10:05 PM

DK

“ Dion and Trina Kurzyniec planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. LaPere.

Dion and Trina Kurzyniec - December 10, 2023 at 08:32 PM

CM

“ I am deeply saddened for his passing. When my parents lived in Michigan we were all close. My prayers go out to Caroll and children. Rest in peace my beautiful Uncle Jon.

carole mccormick - December 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. LaPere.



December 09, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William J. LaPere.*



December 08, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ *Redeman & Kwiatkowski Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. LaPere.*

Redeman & Kwiatkowski Families - December 08, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ *Jon was good friend and kind hearted man my prayers goes out to to his family Rest In Peace my good friend your with the lord now*

Alex - December 07, 2023 at 11:21 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William J. LaPere.*



December 07, 2023 at 03:31 PM

RB

“ *He was a great man!*

Jon took in two step children and made him his own. To the point that said children always called him Dad.

He also took in three children from his late wife, Christine and made them his own as well. My mother was one of them.

As a result, I am the recipient of his unconditional love and respect.

For that, I am forever blessed.

I will miss Grandpa Jon with a loss I cannot measure.

He gave the Greatest Hugs and was always glad to see you.

My own son followed Grandpa into Law Enforcement and I know he was proud when he attended my son's Academy graduation and decided to serve the public, just as he did.

Words cannot due justice to what an influence he had on me and my family's life.

He will be missed....he is missed.

Love you Grandpa Jon!

Rick Burton - December 06, 2023 at 06:39 PM