



## Laurence James O'Donnell

July 30, 1942 - March 20, 2024

Mount Marion - Laurence James O'Donnell (aka Larry, Dad, and Poppie), of Park Circle, Mount Marion, NY, passed away quickly and peacefully at Health Alliance Hospital in Kingston, NY, surrounded both physically and virtually by his vast loving family. He valiantly made a series of daily choices with the hope of extending his life with cancer, like, among other things, showing up at the hospital and treating himself to a series of potentially life-saving drugs until one of them worked. Larry chose the possibility of life over certain death. Describing this journey as a roller coaster is a good fit for him, because for all of us who adored this soul of a man, this felt like a series of twists and turns and ups and downs, much like daily life; but with twistier twists and deeper turns. But, as observers of his daily choices, Larry leaves behind a legacy from his example on how to love our families, and to teach others how to live each day to the fullest. "Living each day like it's the last", would be a veritable quote to use when describing our beloved family member.

He was born on July 30, 1942 to the late Kathryn Kelly and Laurence O'Donnell in Brooklyn, NY, but later moved to County Mayo in Ireland. He eventually returned to NY where he met his beautiful Bernadette Maloney (deceased July 2004), and instantly fell in love, got married, and started a family. Larry is survived by his 3 sons, Christian (Renee) O'Donnell, James O'Donnell, and Michael O'Donnell. He also has 3 gorgeous granddaughters, Arielle, Ella, and Bernadette (Baby B.) O'Donnell. They brought their Poppie tremendous joy, and were incredibly loved by him and reciprocally, they loved him immensely as well. He is survived by his sister, Betty O'Donnell-Healy (Sean) of County Mayo, Ireland and her children. Larry enjoyed riding his bicycle long distances, exercising and working out. He loved a good chin-up challenge, and almost always beat his competitor! Taking long peaceful walks just taking in the beauty of this special space he called home, reflecting on his blessed life was an especially favorite hobby of his. Larry also enjoyed his "Roku", especially YouTube. Anytime he had the chance, he would ask for help with the remote, and pull up a series of his favorite videos. Some favorites were Rita Hayworth and Fred Astaire dance scenes. Watching clips about how different food products were made was another favorite of his. Larry was famous for his beef stew recipe which he recently taught one of his beloved granddaughters. We will cherish every time she

makes it in memory of  
her beloved Poppie!

Larry worked as a butcher for over 30 years, mostly at Shoprite Supermarkets in the local area and then retired. But as expected, his retirement lasted for about 2 months, and he returned part-time to the profession of which he loved to be referred to as "The Master Butcher". The title fit him well! He would spend a good part of his shifts just chatting with his loyal customers.

Larry loved talking with anyone who would listen. He always had something intriguing to talk

about. Being social was an understatement for Larry!

During the past month, Larry enjoyed attending afternoon Mass with his granddaughters, Arielle and Ella, at St. Anthony's Friary in Catskill. This was a great blessing to them both, being able to spend time together with the Lord just before his passing. The week before being brought Home,

Larry went to visit the Sisters, and it is clear that the Holy Spirit was dwelling in him during this

time, preparing his soul for a peaceful journey into Heaven. Quoting from his favorite book, The

Holy Bible, 2 Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

His visitation will be on Monday, March 25th, 4-7 pm at Buono Funeral Home in Saugerties, NY.

A private funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 26th. Condolences may be shared on

Larry's memorial page at [buonofuneralservice.com](http://buonofuneralservice.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Larry's honor to the Multiple Myeloma Research

Foundation. You can send your gift to: The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, P.O. Box

414238, Boston, MA 02241-4238, or call a representative at 1-203-229-0464.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.  
100 Main Street  
Saugerties, NY 12477  
(845) 246-2600  
pbuono100@hvc.rr.com  
<https://www.BuonoFuneralService.com>

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ I worked with Larry at shoprite in Hudson and every day we found something interesting to talk about. He was not only a good talker but a great listener. He will definitely be missed.

Sally Briggs - March 25, 2024 at 09:53 AM

TF

“ Rip,Larry.,condolences.,from the Foleys.

tom foley - March 24, 2024 at 05:10 PM

WL

“ With Love, Keith, Julie, Grace & Lilly purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laurence James O'Donnell.



With Love, Keith, Julie, Grace & Lilly - March 24, 2024 at 02:39 PM

GE

“ CHRIS AND FAMILY WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. THE EDWARDS FAMILY



gail edwards - March 24, 2024 at 02:28 PM

CO

Thank you Gail

Chris ODonnell - March 24, 2024 at 05:24 PM

GE

“ CHRIS AND FAMILY Sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed visiting with Larry in the neighborhood and at Shop Rite. A friendly pleasant good man. Chris remember all the good times and vacations you had together. You took good care of dad and was always there for him. Will miss him. GAIL EDWARDS



gail edwards - March 24, 2024 at 01:45 PM

PR

“ LARRY AND HIS DEAR WIFE BERNADETTE WERE MY NEIGHBORS FOR MANY YEARS. ALWAYS A WAVE AND A SMILE WERE SHARED. HE ALWAYS STIPPED BY WHILE I WAS WORKING IN THE GARDEN AND ALWAYS HAD A KIND WORD. WE LOVED WATCHING LARRY RIDING HIS BIKE. GOD'S SPEED LARRY.

peach & matt rega - March 24, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurence James O'Donnell.



March 24, 2024 at 11:20 AM

VS

“ Blessings and sympathies to Renee and family, Valerie Salisbury Scott

Valerie Salisbury Scott - March 24, 2024 at 08:22 AM

BO

“ Larry wa: a great man. Living in his apartment years ago he was a great landlord. My daughter would wait till he got home and greeted whim with a hug. She also used to get his mail and give it too him. I'm so sadden by the news. He's home with the lord and his wife. RIP Larry I will never forget how special you are.

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**Bobbie-Jo** - March 23, 2024 at 02:43 PM

CO

Thank you Bobbie he enjoyed having you as a tenant.

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**Chris ODonnell** - March 24, 2024 at 12:02 PM

TF

Rip Larry,condolences,to his family.,from the Foley's.

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**tom foley** - March 24, 2024 at 04:55 PM

CA

“ Larry enjoyed his rides on his bike ! He was always a wonderful man and most of all he loved his family now he will be joined with the love of his life ❤️ carol

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**carol** - March 23, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CO

Thank you Carol

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**Chris ODonnell** - March 24, 2024 at 12:01 PM

JO

“ Dear family and friends,  
Larry was one of my favorite people to chat with. His honesty and sense of humor matched with his intelligence and deep knowledge was always a breath of fresh air.  
He was one of the most authentic people I have ever met and I am a better man for knowing him and his family.  
Sending you all love, prayers, sympathies and wishes for the good memories to fill the void of loss, emptiness and sadness.  
He lived life on his terms and has made the world a better place.  
What a legacy!!

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**Joe** - March 23, 2024 at 01:50 PM

CO

*Thank you Joe appreciate the kind words*

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**Chris ODonnell** - March 24, 2024 at 12:00 PM