



Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr.

March 15, 1953 - August 24, 2024

Lawrence William Freeland, Jr. was born on March 15, 1953, in Wheeling, WV and passed away unexpectedly on August 24, 2024, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, following complications from back surgery.

He is survived by his wife Denise (nee Dick), daughter Megan Elizabeth Roskovensky (Charlie), son Sean Patrick Freeland (Kerri), grandsons Callum and Alden Freeland, and his precious pups, Molly and Maggie.

Larry and his siblings, Connie Hawkins (Charlie), Mary Beth Lucas (Mike) and Tom Freeland (Denise) were inseparable, and he cherished his nieces and nephews.

Larry's family was his greatest love and joy. He and Denise loved to travel, listen to music, kick butt at trivia, and spend time with their many friends. He was so proud of Megan and Sean and never failed to sing their praises every chance he got. The feeling was mutual.

Though he lived in Moundsville most of his life, Larry always considered Center Benwood his home. Several of his lifelong friendships were formed on the streets of Benwood and he treasured his time there.

Larry was a history teacher and counselor at both Moundsville Jr. High and John Marshall and a beloved basketball coach. Larry's love of history was infectious, and he was often contacted by former students whom he had impacted. In fact, he counted many of his former students as dear friends.

Larry was immensely proud of his Irish heritage and, ever the lifelong learner, immersed himself in learning all he could about the history of the Emerald Isle

and his own ancestral ties. He was always quick to share his love for Ireland with others and wore his Irish pride on his sleeve.

Larry's interest in his cultural heritage led him to follow in his great grandfather's footsteps and join the Wheeling Chapter of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, where he was an active member.

Larry was an active member of St. Francis Xavier Parish and he dedicated many years of his life to the Knights of Columbus Council #1907, where he was a Fourth Degree Knight and was Grand Knight for a time. Larry's fellow Knights were counted among his best friends, and they planned many a charitable Tootsie Roll drive and golf tournament together. Larry also began the popular Irish Road Bowling event hosted by the Knight of Columbus each fall.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Sgt. Lawrence William Freeland, his mother, Rita Elizabeth Freeland (nee Deegan), and his father and mother in-law, Tom and Deemy Dick.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday from 5-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, with Rosary Devotions being recited at 4:30pm.

Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be celebrated Thursday at 11am at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 610 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville with Fr. Priyesh Sebastian as celebrant.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Moundsville-Marshall County Library, 700 5th St., Moundsville, WV 26041 or Marshall County Animal Shelter, 37 Animal Shelter Dr., Moundsville.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Previous Events

Rosary Devotions

AUG 28. 4:30 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home
400 Jefferson Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041

Visitation

AUG 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home
400 Jefferson Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041

Funeral Liturgy with Mass

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Moundsville, WV 26041

Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr.*



Grisell Funeral Homes - August 27, 2024 at 08:12 PM

BC

One of the most beautiful tributes I hv had the privilege of viewing. I was happy to see there were some Water Street memories included. Larry was proud to hv hailed from WV and of course his beloved Water Street in Benwood.

Bonnie Charnock - August 31, 2024 at 07:13 PM

AJ

“ *So sorry for the family. I was out of town until Friday. Another Benwood friend has passed. He leaves a great family who have always been kind courteous an friendly to me. Those are the things I will remember.*

alan jafrate - August 30, 2024 at 09:32 AM

KN

“ *My deepest condolences to your family 🙏💜*



Karen Nguyen - August 29, 2024 at 10:22 PM

SY

“ Suzanne Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..

Suzanne Y. - August 29, 2024 at 10:12 AM

GP

“ Larry was a great man! He will be deeply missed by many. So sorry to the entire family. His legacy will live on. We could not make the viewing.

Geno Polsinelli - August 29, 2024 at 06:09 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



August 28, 2024 at 10:41 PM

FD

“ From Raphael (Ray) and Sherry Deegan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



From Raphael (Ray) and Sherry Deegan - August 28, 2024 at 09:03 PM

FD

“ From Raphael (Ray) and Sherry Deegan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..

From Raphael (Ray) and Sherry Deegan - August 28, 2024 at 09:03 PM

SD

“ Denise: Praying for you and your family with Larry's unexpected passing. Although it's been quite some time since I've seen you, it seems like yesterday we attended 7th grade together at First Ward. It was apparent how taken you were with Larry as we cruised center Benwood hoping to catch a glimpse of him. It was a love story in the making. Please know you and your beautiful family are in our prayers. Sue and Rob DeMara

Susan DeMara - August 28, 2024 at 11:17 AM

KS

“ Kathy and Donald Sawa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



Kathy and Donald Sawa - August 28, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



August 28, 2024 at 08:28 AM

TT

“ Tom and Tori Takubo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



Tom and Tori Takubo - August 28, 2024 at 07:58 AM

TT

“ Tom and Tori Takubo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..

Tom and Tori Takubo - August 28, 2024 at 07:58 AM

JM

“ Jeff McMahon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



Jeff McMahon - August 27, 2024 at 09:52 PM

PW

“ Denise & family, You have all been in my prayers for the heartbreaking loss of wonderful Larry. It was always so evident how much he loved you and your children. May you be comforted by the assurance of seeing him again, in the place where you will never be parted. "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." Patty Wylie

Patricia Wylie - August 27, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..*



August 27, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *In prayer, Lisa Costello & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..*

In prayer, Lisa Costello & family - August 27, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *Mr. Freeland was such a great man. I enjoyed are conversations about going up in Benwood. Rest in Peace Water Street Legend...*

Shawn T. Straughn - August 27, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..*



August 27, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ 188 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - August 27, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



August 27, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



August 27, 2024 at 11:42 AM

BB

“ Brandon, Courtney, Laila, and Bruce purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



Brandon, Courtney, Laila, and Bruce - August 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM

WD

“ Always Always there as a friend, anytime, anywhere, always there!! LARRY FREELAND was truly ' The Best of the Best!! God has another ANGEL in Heaven for the Bowling team !! God Bless you Larry for all your accomplishments on this earth. RIP We will miss, you Jack and Wanda De Temple.

wanda detemple - August 27, 2024 at 09:42 AM

SF

“ Sara Ladley & Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



Sara Ladley & Family - August 27, 2024 at 08:57 AM

KI

“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. Larry will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Kitty - August 27, 2024 at 08:29 AM

KJ

“ Kathleen J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..

Kathleen J. - August 27, 2024 at 08:22 AM

RP

“ I'm so sad to hear about Larry!

Rosemary Price - August 26, 2024 at 11:18 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



August 26, 2024 at 10:06 PM

JD

“ Jennifer Deegan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..

Jennifer Deegan - August 26, 2024 at 10:06 PM

DM

“ I still see us at WLSC as young students preparing for our teaching careers and spending down time in the student union. Denise, my heart hurts for all of you. This is a tremendous loss for all of you. And for those of us that were lucky enough to know him and call him friend. He will be missed.

Debi Mahoney - August 26, 2024 at 09:29 PM

FF

“ From the Zietz Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



From the Zietz Family - August 26, 2024 at 08:08 PM

KB

“ Prayers and thoughts to Mrs. Freeland and family.

Mr. Freeland was one of my favorite teachers at JM when I always walked to my home room class in the morning Mr. Freeland and I would always stop each other say good morning and a hi five.

When it was close to end of the day Mr. Freeland and I would always say good afternoon hi five.

That went on from 2005 until I graduated in 2007.

He was the best teacher ever not a day goes by I will always remember the good memories and always will miss Mr. Freeland.

R.I.P Mr. Freeland this isn't goodbye this is see you later when god calls me home in heaven.



Kayla Brown - August 26, 2024 at 08:02 PM

JD

“ Larry was a valuable Reynolds Memorial Hospital Auxiliary member and he will be sorely missed. I had the pleasure of working with him and Denise at an Auxiliary fundraiser and the time spent together will always be treasured. In my humble opinion, he led a most interesting life hallmarked by his family.

John Dorsey - August 26, 2024 at 07:42 PM

SC

“ *RIP my Beloved Family Friend, Forever in My Heart.* ❤️

Sandra Freeland Chugg - August 26, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..*



August 26, 2024 at 06:44 PM

JK

“ *Jeff and Kristen Knight planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..*

Jeff and Kristen Knight - August 26, 2024 at 06:44 PM

DA

“ *My sincere and humble condolences to the family and friends of Larry. Denny Albaugh*

Dennis R Albaugh - August 26, 2024 at 06:38 PM

RB

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family.*

Rita Berry - August 26, 2024 at 06:33 PM

RA

“ Dearest Denice, I am so very sorry for your loss. Larry was the most loving of husbands and the greatest dad. My heart is breaking for you, Sean and Megan. With great sympathy, Rayma Alvendia

Rayma Alvendia - August 26, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ So Sorry to hear about Larry RIP and my sympathy to the family

Chris Zumbrunnen - August 26, 2024 at 06:19 PM

TS

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Prayers to Denise and family.

Tom & Kathy Stalnaker - August 26, 2024 at 05:44 PM

MA

“ We had some epic times at the 'Saw belting out Irish folk songs, Larry. Those will always be cherished memories for me. Thanks for making me an honorary "old guy." Save me a seat for the next time. I'll miss you, man. Helluva fellow.

Matt - August 26, 2024 at 05:34 PM

GD

“ In a world full of . . . different kinds of people - be like Larry. I remember how funny he was in h.s. We 'liked' each others fb posts. I felt lucky when he accepted my fb friend request. What an all-around superb human.

Gino Delbert - August 26, 2024 at 05:13 PM

DG

“ Larry was a dear friend of Duane and me for many years. We cherish all the good times with him and Denise. He will be missed. Daunel Gump.

Daunel Gump - August 26, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ I was privileged to call Larry my friend and brother, and although I'm president of Wheeling's Ancient Order of Hibernians, Larry was unmatched and our Division's expert on all things Irish: history, politics, and life. Sharing in craic with Larry will be forever missed and I regret taking it for granted.

Tom Connelly - August 26, 2024 at 05:01 PM

SD

“ Sara D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..

Sara D. - August 26, 2024 at 04:59 PM

MK

“ My sincere condolences to Larry's family. I knew Larry my entire life as I grew up in Center Benwood as well. He was always well liked and a friend to all. He will surely be missed.

Mark Kerwood - August 26, 2024 at 04:43 PM

DM

“ Debi M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..

Debi M. - August 26, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..



August 26, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ Brady planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..

Brady - August 26, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ Denise, Sorry about Larry. Once again a reminder LIFE is much like summer vacations when in school. It's over before we know it. I coached, umpired, or played softball with a lot the younger generations who Larry guided through life and never heard a negative comment about him. Not only did Larry get cheated by his untimely death, but so did others by not having him around longer. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all the lives Mr. Freeland touched during his "short" time on this earth.

Jay Knapp - August 26, 2024 at 03:39 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him

Tony Paranzino - August 26, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..*



August 26, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ *The Paranzino's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" William Freeland Jr..*

The Paranzino's - August 26, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ *Denise, I am so sorry for your loss. I send prayers for you and your family.*

Margaret Ripley - August 26, 2024 at 02:43 PM



Rest in peace my dear friend

tom Richards - August 26, 2024 at 07:38 PM



*Denise,
We are so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Rosemary & Frank Petroff*

Rosemary - August 27, 2024 at 09:18 AM



Denise,

We are sad to learn of Larry's passing. It was so nice to view the memorial video and pictures. So many happy memories. I remember being at your wedding. So many years have passed by. Please accept our deep condolences. Peace to you and your family. Robert Ward

Robert Ward - September 01, 2024 at 10:38 PM