

**Leonard “Lenny” Hugh Mortenson** was born on February 19, 1938 to Edward and Beatrice Gwendolyn (Smerdon) Mortenson. Lenny spent a colorful childhood in both Minneapolis and San Diego, CA before attending Minnetonka High School. He eventually went back to school to complete his GED, and ended up teaching the class himself. On February 6, 1960 he married Maricarol Burt in a quiet ceremony at the Minneapolis courthouse. Lenny and Maricarol were blessed with two daughters, Deanne and Jodi, who kept his life interesting, crazy, and anything but quiet. Lenny was devoted to providing for his family and worked at a variety of jobs throughout his life, including at Telelect for 21 years before starting a construction business with his brothers Clive and Dick, and his “Uncle Bob” Smerdon who was required to keep the family peace in the business for ten years. He spent 20 years at Waconia Manufacturing, showing his true Norwegian stubbornness by never missing a day of work even for radiation treatments, which he would fit in on his lunch breaks. Lenny was known to be a hardy, generous soul that would do anything for anyone. His dry, infectious sense of humor was unmatched and passed on to his daughter, Jodi, who took pleasure in buying him a sledgehammer to smash his alarm clock with to celebrate retirement. He left a mark on everyone who met him, including a surgeon who told his family Lenny had surely humbled him and was the most selfless person he had met. Lenny took great pride in telling people that God puts erasers on pencils because everyone makes mistakes. He was adored by his nurses, who loved Lenny and referred to him by all the affectionate nicknames given to him by his family.

On Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the age of 80 and surrounded by his family, Lenny joined his parents and siblings in heaven. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Gwen; brothers, Edward Clive Mortenson and Richard Dale Mortenson; sister, Janet Elizabeth (Albert) Redmann; beloved Uncle Bob Smerdon, and nephew Steven Mortenson.

Lenny is survived by his wife of 59 years, Maricarol; daughters, Deanne (Ted) Mortenson-Schlosser of Miltona, MN and Jodi (Ed) Niblett of Nelson, MN; grandchildren, Emmaline Grace (Jen Warner) Schlosser, Louisa (Leo) Steffl, Olivia Gwendolyn Niblett, and Stanley George Niblett; great-granddaughter, Ava Marie Steffl; brother-in-law, David Burt; sister-in-law, Annie Diane, and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.



*Leonard H. Mortenson*

*1938~2019*

*The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil:  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.*

*In Loving Memory of*

**Leonard H. Mortenson**

February 19, 1938



February 9, 2019

**Celebration of Life**

Anderson Funeral  
Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

Thurs, Feb. 14, 2019,  
2:30 PM



**Officiant**

Reverend Linnae Grabner-Hegg

**Honorary Urnbearers**

Emma Schlosser

Louisa Steffl

Olivia Niblett

Stanley Niblett

Ava Steffl

*\*Please join the family for a time of sharing  
and fellowship immediately after the service at  
Herby's Bar Grill & Café in Carlos—211 Main  
Ave.\**

**Arrangements**

Anderson Funeral Home—Alexandria, MN