

Quentin L. Larson (Bud) was born February 5, 1926, in Alexandria, MN, the middle son of parents Clarence N. Larson and Minnie Sanstead Larson. He was a graduate of Alexandria High School Class of 1944. He entered the Army in 1945 and served aboard the troop carrier U.S.A.T. Goucher Victory as part of the medical personnel. On November 11, 1949, he was married to Doris Dyke in Webster, S.D. Their marriage was blessed with two wonderful children—Lee of St. Paul and Laurel French of Rapid City, S.D. Bud graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in June of 1951. In August of 1951, during the Korean War, he was recalled to the military and served with the medical battalion in Korea. Serving with distinction, he earned the rank of Second Lieutenant.

Bud and Doris owned and operated the Larson Pharmacy in Graceville, MN, from 1955 until 1980. Often Bud would go down in the middle of the night to open their store to help someone needing medication. Throughout the years, the Larson Pharmacy operated at the Graceville Hospital and the Graceville Nursing Home, with Bud charging the nuns who managed them only his cost for the medical supplies he provided. Bud was active in civic affairs in Graceville, serving on the school board, the hospital board of directors, Grace Home board of directors, and as president of the Lions Club.

After selling their pharmacy in 1981, Bud and Doris retired on Lake Ida in Alexandria where Bud enjoyed fishing, walking, reading, gardening, and most of all, spending time with his family. Bud was never shy about letting others know how very proud he was to be an American. Family and friends who knew Bud considered him to be faithful, humble, courageous, loyal, patriotic, smart, humorous, kind, sentimental, and thoughtful. He truly personified “the Greatest Generation” and will be greatly missed as he was deeply loved by everyone who met him.

Bud’s abiding faith was most evident while he was in hospice care. He was not afraid and put concerns for his family foremost. Optimistic and grateful to God to the end, Bud wrote the following when he was near death: “I have been blessed all my life with the best—the best parents, the best brothers, the best wife, the best children, the best grandchildren, the best son-in-law, the best daughter-in-law, the best friends, the best dog (Cindy), the best hunting and fishing ever. For all your blessings, Lord, I give you thanks!”

Survivors include his loving wife of 70 years, Doris, as well as his children Lee (Sheryl Ramstad) of St. Paul, Laurel (Ted) French of Rapid City; grandchildren Karl Larson of St. Paul, Kate Mickelson (Victor Alberane) of Cuernavaca, Mexico, Luke (Tessa) Mickelson of Rapid City, Sarah (Brian) Kmetz of Boston, Charlie (Brittany) Hvass of Denver, Kristina (Jordan) Taylor of Denver, seven great-grandchildren, brother, Milo (Marge) Larson of Pelican Rapids, MN. Preceded in death his parents and brother, Myron & (wife, Joan) Larson.

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home - Alexandria, Minnesota

In Loving Memory of

**Quentin "Bud"
Larson**

February 5, 1926



November 6, 2019



Funeral Service

Calvary Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
November 11, 2019, 3:00 PM

Officiant

Pastor Angie Larson

Organist

Rebecca Worley

Pallbearers

Craig Larson	Karl Larson
Luke Mickelson	Paul Dyke
Perry Dyke	Ted French

Military Honors By

VFW Post #936
American Legion Post #87
VVA Post #235
Marine Corps League #1409
Minnesota National Honor Guard

Burial

Kinkead Cemetery- Alexandria, Minnesota