
LAURENCE EDWARD O'MARA

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Laurence Edward O'Mara, 80, passed away on February 8, 2016 in Raleigh, NC. He was born on December 16, 1935 in East Chicago, IN to Bartholomew O'Mara and Josephine Shover. Larry grew up in Hammond, IN and was a graduate of Hammond High School class of 1953. Following high school, Larry accomplished a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from St. Joe's College and a Master's Degree in Education from [Purdue University](#). Larry was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1960 (Ft. Benning) and was discharged from service as a member of the U.S Army Reserves in 1965. Larry went on to spend his career in education, teaching History and Economics and T.F. South High School in Lansing, IL. He retired from teaching after 34 years in 1997. Larry was active in the athletic department at T.F. South, coaching boys and girls swimming and diving teams and was awarded "Educator of the Year" by the Lansing [Rotary Club](#) in 1997. Larry is known among family and friends for his time playing minor league baseball as a pitcher in the Milwaukee Braves organization from 1955-1961. Larry loved professional baseball and followed it closely throughout his life. He is also known for his passion for teaching and being active in the Lansing Learn to Swim program and Munster Little League Baseball organization. Larry married Catherine (Hlavaty) in 1963 in Hammond, IN. They were happily married for 46 years prior to Catherine's passing in 2009. He enjoyed singing in the church choir, spending time with his grandchildren, playing cards, gardening and watching and attending sporting events. He was a passionate fan of the White Sox, Bulls, Bears, and Blackhawks. Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine, both of his parents and nine of his eleven sisters. Larry was the youngest of twelve siblings. Larry is survived by Michael and Kathy (Billo) O'Mara (sons David and Zack) of Raleigh, NC; Julie O'Mara-Meyer (daughters Sarah and Katie; son Noah) of Caledonia, MN; and Timothy and Alice (Wininger) O'Mara (daughters Audrey and Abigail) of Front Royal, VA. A memorial service will be held at The Hilton Garden Inn located at 7775 Mississippi St. Merrillville, IN 46410 on Sunday February 28, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be short program at 2:00 p.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to: The [Alzheimer's Association](#) through Larry's page at <http://act.alz.org/goto/larryomara> or by sending your donation to: [Alzheimer's Association](#) 910 Pierremont Rd. Suite 410, Shreveport, LA 71106. You may also donate by phone at (318) 861-8680.



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