



## Lawrence M. "Larry" Murphy

August 20, 1943 - May 7, 2022

Hollandale – Larry Murphy was taken home by the good Lord on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

He was born August 20, 1943 and raised on a dairy farm near Hollandale. He attended St. Joseph's Grade School and graduated from Hollandale High School. After graduation he attended UW-Platteville where he obtained a BA in English, Journalism and Secondary Education, and later earned his Master's degree. He would go on to become a published author of his book "Paddy".

Larry enjoyed a fulfilling career spent entirely at Darlington High School, forming lifelong friendships with his fellow faculty members. He truly enjoyed teaching, and his students. How many times we would hear "Oh you know Mr. Murphy? He was my favorite teacher!" Larry also taught Confirmation classes for many years. It was important to him to instruct the youth about their faith, and to lead them closer to the Lord. Larry was a humble and devout Catholic, and his faith was paramount to who he was. Farming was always a part of Larry's life. He and his brother Tom spent many years working together side by side on their adjoining farms. The natural beauty, and abundant wildlife of his farm brought peace and contentment to his life.

When not teaching or farming, Larry took time to travel. He was proud of his

Irish heritage. His trips to Ireland with family, and later with his fellow adventure seeker and good friend Larry Glass were especially memorable. Larry was always ready for a family game of cards, and patiently taught younger generations how to play and enjoy a spirited game of Euchre or Poker.

Larry was very close to his family. He was a constant for his siblings, nieces and nephews. Larry was kind hearted, thoughtful, caring and generous. He will truly be missed by everyone. Goodbye dear Brother and Uncle. Lawrence Michael Murphy is survived by two brothers and three sisters, Marilyn (Mike) Murphy Davison, Tom (Dolores) Murphy, Ray (MaryClaire) Murphy, Rosemary Murphy and Margy Murphy. He is further survived by twenty-one nieces and nephews, Mike Murphy, Rick Murphy, David Murphy, Shawn Murphy, Robert Murphy, Joe Davison, Sean Davison, Brian Davison, Caroline Evans, Paul Murphy, Colleen Goetz, Alan Murphy, Bill Murphy, Steph Hutchins, Marsha Gonzales, Bridget Halverson, Mollie Murphy, Dan Murphy, Peggy Murphy, Lonnie Johnson and Amber Imbrey.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Mark and Charles Murphy, his sister-in-Law Peggy Murphy and his parents Clarence and Geraldine Murphy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 13 2022 at ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Hollandale. Per Larry's request, there will be no visitation.

Burial will be held in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

7001 Highway 39  
Hollandale, WI 53544

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 13. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
601 Grover Street  
Hollandale, WI 53544

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence M. "Larry" Murphy*

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November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Today and always may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength. So sorry for your loss, my heart is with you in this time of sorrow. Phyllis Fowler*

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**Phyllis Fowler** - May 16, 2022 at 02:06 AM



“ *I was a student in Larry's class his first year teaching. He was my favorite teacher ever. He made learning enjoyable and is one of the reasons I became an English teacher. I went back to see him a number of years after I graduated, and he knew where I was teaching. He cared about his students and followed what they were doing. He will be missed, but I'm sure he is keeping them laughing up above.*

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**Bob McDonald** - May 13, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I did my student teaching with Larry as my cooperating teacher in the spring of 1991 at Darlington. I learned so much from him...not just about teaching English, but about life, how to relate to kids, and how to see the humor in almost everything. I treasure all of those memories. He was a great man and an amazing teacher! Rest in peace, Murph!*

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**Ellen Minter** - May 13, 2022 at 04:04 PM

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“ I'm one of the students who considered Mr. Murphy my favorite teacher. He knew how to relate to students and could always make me laugh. We lost a great one. Thoughts and prayers to his loved ones.

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**Chris (Pink) Kruger** - May 12, 2022 at 10:29 AM

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“ To me he was Mr. Murphy. He was one of my English teachers at Darlington High School between 1971 - 1975. He was also a chaperone on the 1974 trip to Mexico. He was proud of his Irish heritage, and when in Mexico bought a green Sombrero and Poncho.

*Rest in Peace Mr. Murphy  
Donna (Keough) Loeffelholz*

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**Donna Loeffelholz** - May 11, 2022 at 06:57 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. My husband and I taught with Larry in Darlington High School starting around 1968. I taught English with Larry and we shared many laughs together. He will be missed by many. Kay Johnston

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**Kay Johnston** - May 11, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Larry. I actually graduated eighth grade with Larry from St Joseph School in Dodgeville, Wi. Larry was always a studious person, but always had a laugh or two hidden within. Was totally an honor to know Larry. RIP young man.

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**Jane Roh-Bruns** - May 11, 2022 at 07:47 AM