Evans Nordby
FUNERAL HOMES



Don Larson

February 15, 1935 - February 3, 2016

Don R. Larson, age 80, of Osseo, February 3, 2016.

Preceded in death by his parents.

Survived by wife, Carole; cousins, Helen Eberly of Midland, TX, Janice Blevins of St. Charles, IL, Marlene Larson, Elgi of, IL, Jack VanLiersurg of Batavia, IL; and his community and church family.

Born February 15, 1935 in Minneapolis, he was voted “most humorous” graduate of St. Louis Park High School class of 1953. His positive and caring attitude carried through life in a deep love and commitment for community newspapers and small communities. His joy was love of trains, 6-man football, and being with his close friends. He attended Northland College in Ashland, WI, in 1953 and went on to the University of Minnesota where he earned a BA degree in economics and worked toward his master’s degree in journalism. In 1963 he started the Crow River News, the first fully offset newspaper in the state, using new technology. He also started the Champlin-Dayton Press. He met and married his wife Carole in 1966.

In his career he also owned the Osseo Maple Grove Press, Delano Eagle, Owatonna Photo

News, Onamia News, Stearns Morrison Enterprise at Albany, Melrose Beacon, Missouri Valley, Iowa Times, LaPorte City, Iowa Progress Review, and was an investor of Sun Newspapers from 1979-83. Don was a member of the Osseo Lion's Club and a former volunteer with the Osseo Fire Department. He was a 50 year member of the Minnesota Newspaper Association and in 2006 was the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts Alumni of Notable Achievement for excellence in the fields of journalism and business. He was a member of the 1993-99 Northland College Alumni Board and 1999-2007 Northland College Board of Trustees. Don was a member and former chairman of the finance committee and longtime member of Osseo United Methodist Church.

A special thank you to the dedicated caregivers at Parkinson's Specialty Care and Home Instead for their devotion in caring for such a fine and humble man.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Struthers Parkinson's Center (6701 Country Club Dr., Golden Valley, MN 55427, 952-993-5495).

Visitation

Monday, February 8th 5:30-7:00 PM

Evans-Nordby Funeral Home, 34 2nd St NE, Osseo, MN

Driving Directions

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