



Larry O. Collison

August 11, 1935 - November 26, 2023

Larry O. Collison, age 88, of Kearney, formerly of San Diego, CA, passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at the CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services and burial will be at a later date at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Campbell, NE. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Larry was born on August 11, 1935 to Oliver and Elsie (Frederickson) Collison in Campbell, NE. He attended Campbell High School and graduated with the class of 1953. He then earned a Bachelors Degree from Kearney State Teachers College and later a Masters Degree from Columbia College in New York. He was a music teacher at Trenton High School and also Lexington High School. He later moved to California where he continued his music teaching career. He eventually purchased the Casa Laguna Hotel in Laguna Beach, CA and continued to operate the hotel for several years. He moved to San Diego, CA upon retirement and later to Palm Springs, CA. He moved to Kearney in 2022 to be closer to family. Larry loved to travel and had a lifelong love of music that he shared with many. He sang in many choirs and also enjoyed playing the Trombone in the Palm Springs Band.

Larry is survived by his brother, Lynn "Bud" Collison of Campbell, NE; nieces,

nephews and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gaynor and Robert; sister, Vera Smith

Tribute Wall

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“ Larry and I met in Laguna Beach in 1979 and we had stayed good friends for all these years. A very good cook, and I've always guessed that had to have been Elise's influence, Larry would have friends over to his house often for enjoying food together. Larry loved to have friends and relatives around to celebrate friendship and relationships. His family meant a great deal to Larry, and I am grateful the family was there to support him with the move back to Nebraska.

Larry was lucky to have traveled a good deal, with Larry and I having traveled to Australia and Hong Kong together. On the music scene, we got to enjoy the entire Wagner Ring Cycle in Seattle - all 15 hours of the opera!

Many of Larry's friends here in California had passed away in past years and he often mentioned how much he missed their friendships. That is perhaps part of having lived a long, full and rich life - many friends, many places traveled, much good food eaten. Larry expressed to me that he was ready to go, and that he had lived life well.

He will be missed and I will think of him often.

My condolences and best wishes for the family.

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“ I met Larry Collision in 1972. We had been lifelong friends.

In 1978, Larry and I purchased a property in Laguna Beach called the Casa Laguna, consisting of eighteen rooms and two cottages. Larry quit teaching to manage the day-to-day operations, and we asked his mother, Elsie, and his father, Oliver, if they would like to help run the hotel, or at that time, it was a motel. They loved the idea. "The weather was great, and you could see the ocean," she said.

I have met and known several of the Collison's and am so thankful and respectful of them. Larry loved his family, and seeing how they came together when Larry really needed them was beautiful.

Larry was a good cook, loved to entertain, and enjoyed a good party, but don't talk politics unless you had prepared for a debate. He loved music and played trombone with the local Palm Spring Desert Wind Freedom Band, and as Dean, the director said 'he was a great trombone player and always had a joke and that ornery grin.'

Larry was a dear friend, and we shared many conversations and memories. I will miss him.

My condolences to all the family.

Steve Parks



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