



Leonard F. Gerstner

July 26, 1950 - June 3, 2024

Leonard F. Gerstner, 73, passed away on Monday, June 3 surrounded by his loving family. Beloved son of the late William and Irene Gerstner, loving brother to Gary (Sandra Smith), proud uncle to Lauren, Amanda, and Rebecca (Zachary) Rahe, dear friend to Mary Claire Gerstner, cherished neighbor and lifelong resident of Evergreen Park, dog-Dad to the late Josh, cousin and friend to many, and will be missed by all.

Lenny graduated from Queen of Martyrs grade school and went on to be a lifelong parishioner of Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church; faith has always been a pillar of his life. Lenny was a proud graduate of Athens College in Athens Georgia where he and Gary were known to drive around in a modified hearse and Gary's hot rod Chevelle. He chose to further his education taking classes at Northern Illinois University and proudly earning his MBA at DePaul University.

Len enjoyed working in downtown Chicago as a Certified Public Accountant and often reminisced about traveling on the Metra and crossing the treacherous pedestrian bridge over the River to get to IBM Plaza. Amongst

family and friends, he was the go-to for all things tax related.

Getting hooked at the age of 5, Lenny became absolutely addicted to cars. Throughout his life, he loved working on cars, attending car shows with his brother, talking shop with the car guys, and was a founding member of the National Corvette Restorers Society, member no. 1118. While he also traveled when he was younger, he found great joy in recent years on the trips with family to Kentucky, Nashville, Disney World, and especially Clearwater Beach.

Visitation will be held Sunday, June 9, 2024, from 2 pm until 7 pm at Beverly-Ridge Funeral Home, 10415 South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago. Funeral will be held Monday, June 10th, 10 am from Beverly Ridge followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am at Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, 10233 South Central Park Avenue, Evergreen Park. Interment private.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Palacz Funeral Service, Ltd.