



Larry Lynn Pohlman

December 23, 1946 - January 4, 2023

Larry Lynn Pohlman, 76, of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Larry was born on December 23, 1946, in Worthington, Minnesota and was the son of Gerald Walter and Hilka May (Blumeyer) Pohlman.

Larry graduated from Worthington High School and furthered his education at Morningside College, earning a Bachelor of Music Education degree and eventually a Master of Arts from Northeast Missouri State College (Truman State). Larry worked as a Director of Bands and Orchestras for 30 years in Missouri including: Lebanon, MO, Warrensburg, MO, Springfield, MO at Glendale High School and Springfield Catholic High School, and in Troy, MO. He held membership and/or officer positions in the following organizations: The Missouri Bandmasters Association (MBA) where he served as President, Past President, was a pioneer in the development of the Missouri All-State Band, and was a Hall of Fame Recipient. He was an active member within The Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) and served as a Past President of the Northeast MMEA District. Additional memberships include The National Band Directors Association (NBA), National Association of Jazz Educators (NAJE), Phi Beta Mu, Phi Mu Alpha, and Past President of the Troy, MO. Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Caroline Smith Pohlman; one

daughter, Gretchen Pohlman-Bassett (Marty Bassett) of Akron, OH., and one son, Greg Pohlman of Springfield, MO; grand fur babies; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Mary Anne Kemper of Troy, MO, W. Parks Smith (Barb Weber) of St. Louis, MO and Michael Bland of St. Louis, MO; treasured nieces and nephews: Caroline Nann Kemper Green (Brad), Tim Kemper (Mende), Stephanie Smith (Mark Ochmanek), Aaron Smith (Kelli Harsh), Sarah Souza (David), Maggie Bland (Chris O'Connor), Katie Bland (Stephanie Mata), James & Cari Green, Ava & Addison Kemper, Isaac & Eleanor Harsh, Juliette & Michael Souza, Cody, Charlie, and Jacob O'Connor; cousins: Reggie Blumeyer, Janet Blumeyer Stensrud, and Allen Blumeyer. He is preceded in death by his parents and his uncle and aunt, Russell & Lois Blumeyer.

Family and friends will be received from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel, 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral service will immediately follow at 3:00 p.m. at Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made out to The Missouri Bandmasters Association (MBA) for a commissioned work for band in Honor and in Memory of Larry Pohlman, a pioneer in the establishment of the Missouri All-State Band in 1977. The ensemble and organization continue to flourish to this day. The memorial is in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636-528-8221

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy
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Service

JAN 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Lynn Pohlman*

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *Larry Lynn Pohlman*

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM

RL

*Caroline...I'm so sorry to hear about Larry's passing. I'll always remember our years at Morningside and all my visits with you and Larry in Kirksville and Lebanon. What fun times those were! He was such a fine musician and teacher...as well as a great friend. He will always be in my memories. My heart goes out to you and your family.
Ron Lindhart*

Ron Lindhart - March 05, 2023 at 09:14 AM

HR

“ *Hi Caroline was so sorry to hear about Larry prayers for you and the family want to come today but didn't work out. Helen Riney*

Helen Riney - January 21, 2023 at 06:46 PM

CJ

“ *Mr. Pohlman was one of my favorite teachers. He taught us more than just music. There was discipline, team work, responsibility, and to do our best. I still think about the fun band activities and trips to this day. I didn't like disappointing him and always wanted to do my best for the ensembles and solos during competitions. When you got it, you knew because his face would light up and you'd get a 'yes' that made you feel Like you conquered the world. Thank you Mr. Pohlman.*
Cheryl (Merckling) Jose class of 1995.

Cheryl Jose - January 21, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Lynn Pohlman.*



January 15, 2023 at 08:29 PM

CS

“ *A legend in our state for music education. We are deeply saddened for his passing and family. He has impacted hundreds of students. Many blessings and condolences for Caroline, Gretchen and family. We love you lots.*

Cindy Price Svehla - January 15, 2023 at 03:33 PM

JM

“ *He made me better. I remember doing a solo on "Kansas City". After I started and got on it he was dancing and yelled "Yes". Made me feel a million miles high. Groovy guy.*

Jason Masterson - January 12, 2023 at 10:42 AM

MC

“ Larry- you will never know how much you touched my life and I am sure so many other students. You didn't just teach me about music but about work ethic, passion and love. I will always be grateful for your influence in my life.

Michelle (Buretta) Cox

michelle cox - January 11, 2023 at 11:12 PM

TD

“ Mr. Pohlman is a legend as a musician, instructor, leader, and genuine human. He impacted so many lives at BHS, including mine. His strong impact and passion for serving others through music will live on in so many ways. Rest in peace Mr. P - Tim Dugan, BHS Class of '93

Tim Dugan - January 11, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larry Lynn Pohlman.



January 11, 2023 at 05:07 PM