



# Laurence P. "Larry" Reusch

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**M**r. Laurence P. "Larry" Reusch, 62, of Salisbury, passed away on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009 at his sisters home in Lawrence surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 10th, 1946 to the late Mary (Batts) and Augustine J. Reusch, Sr. Larry was educated in the Lawrence Public School System and was a graduate of Lawrence High School, Class of 1964. During his high school years, Larry earned nine Varsity Letters in three sports, three each in Basketball, Baseball and Football. He was the Quarterback, Captain and MVP on the 1963 Football Team. Larry's efforts culminated in his being awarded the Prestigious Edward F. Cregg Medal which is given annually to the outstanding student-athlete who exhibits the highest character. For his athletic achievements. Larry was inducted into Lawrence High's Hall of Fame in 1992. He also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Larry received his associates degree from Northern Essex Community College and a Bachelors Degree from Bridgewater State College. Larry taught and coached football and baseball in Lowell prior to being named Head Football coach at Whittier Vocational Tech. where he taught and coached from 1985 through 1991. In 1992 Larry was appointed Head Football Coach at his Alma Mata, Lawrence High School. He led the Lancers for 11 years, he also taught Physical Education and retired from teaching in 2008. Larry especially enjoyed watching his children participate in varsity sports at Methuen High School. His love of all sports continued throughout his life. He enjoyed spending time with his many family members as well as his numerous friends. Larry was also very devoted to the special education students at Lawrence High School who were always very near and dear to his heart. He is survived by: his daughter: Caitlin M. Reusch and her fianc, Jedd Canane of Boston, MA his son: Nicholas J. Reusch of Methuen, MA. As well as his former wife Ellen (McNamara) Reusch, RN of Methuen, MA. His brothers: Augustine and his wife Ann of Bradford, MA. James and his wife Winifred of Salisbury Andrew and his wife



## Obituary

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Constance of Salem, NH His Sisters: Mary Horan and her husband Jack of Andover, MA. Frances Zahn and her husband Bruce of Lawrence, MA. Kathleen Howshan and her husband Phillip of Seabrook, NH Jean Lane, RN and her husband Phillip of Trumbull, Conn. and his sister-in-law: Lorraine Reusch of North Andover, MA. As well as several nieces and nephews. Larry was predeceased by his brother John Reusch His funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 25th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Saint Michaels Church in North Andover, MA. His burial will take place at a later date. Family and friends may call on Friday, April 24th, 2009 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. For online condolences and other information please go to [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com). Memorial Contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA. 01843 and to the Special Olympics of Massachusetts, Attn: Donations 450 Maple Street, Building 1 Danvers, MA 01923.



## Tribute Wall

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SI

**Steve "Sonny" Incropera** posted:

I just found out about Larry's passing yesterday from my dad (5/30/09). For some reason, this has really caused me to pause. I think I know why. I grew up on "the hill" and Larry was two years older than I. I saw Andy more frequently. Kids being kids, I don't have many pleasant memories of that time of my life--always being picked on. However, Larry was always friendly to me. I would see him occasionally at our daughter's sporting events and Larry would always greet me and ask me how my dad was. My dad said Larry would always come up to him and say "hi, Mr. Incropera, how are you." To me, these are marks of a great "man." I will miss running into him and seeing his smiling face. I think he was a genuine human being. My condolences to the family. "Sonny" Incropera

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SG

**Susan Zahn Goyette** posted:

Dear Reusch Family, No words, no matter how tender, can touch what you're feeling inside. Still, may you find a quiet comfort in knowing that Larry now rests in beautiful and lasting peace. Sincerely hoping that time may heal your heart and ease your sorrow. With sympathy, Susan Zahn Goyette

March 7 at 8:00 PM

JL

**Joanne M. Lovecchio** posted:

Dear Reusch Family, (Kate,Mary,Andy) Please accept my very deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear brother, Larry. He was such a much loved brother and well-respected, much accomplished, and admired member of the community. I'm sorry I couldn't be with you at this difficult time as I was away on the spring break, but you can bet I would have been one of the first people there to express my sympathy if I had been home. Again, please know that I am sorry for your loss. Love, Joanne M. Lovecchio

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SP

**Suzanne Mchugh Piscitello** posted:

I was unable to find all the addresses for family members. Larry was my friend and I will remember him in my daily prayers. Suzanne

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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JM

**John M Mendoza** posted:

April 26th 2009 Dear Family Reusch: Minutes ago, as I started looking at my school mail in preparation for school tomorrow, I learned of the passing away of Larry. I cannot express enough the sadness that I feel right now. On several occasions we shared a table at the teachers' tiny's lounge, at the Old High School, he was a kind, dedicated teacher, a good friend and a highly respected colleague. I am going to miss him deeply. I send my heartfelt condolences to all his family. I will be thinking of you. Sincerely, John Mendoza

March 7 at 8:00 PM

JM

**Jane & Stan Molchan** posted:

Dear Reusch family, Larry always brought a smile to our faces. His love for life and others was what made him so special. We hope that others learn from him that life is only as special as we make it. He and Stan were both being treated when they golfed together in the SBBA tournament. I saw the two of them smiling and laughing, and delighted in the small moments enjoying friendship. Love, Jane & Stan Molchan

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SB

**Samira Blanco** posted:

I'm truly sorry to heard about the news...but do know that Mr. Reusch was one of the best teachers that Lawrence High could of had ...my sincere condolences to the Reusch Family

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EP

**Elizabeth Pittman** posted:

Mr. Reusch will be dearly missed. Must say one of the greatest teachers to ever teach in Lawrence. He has made such an impact on many of our lives, and what a man he was. Fun times with him all around. What more can a person ask for in a teacher. Someone loving, caring, and an all around wonderful person!

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TS

**Tricia M. Serrano** posted:

My dearest apologizes for the Reusch familys loss. Mr. Reusch was an amazing friend, coach, and companion to have around throught my years in Lawrence High School. He taught me how to be courageous, gave me the strength and push that I need when I felt like throwing out the towel and dropping my classes or drop out of high school. He always knew how to keep a bright, crisp smile on a person face. And I will always remember and cherish those moments. May he rest in peace with the angels. And thanks for always being my mentor u will be truely missed. But we know ur enjoying urself with the lord walking ur path. Luv the Ramos, Serrano, Roman family

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LD

**Lissette Dale** posted:

My prayers are with the family. My peace take over your hearts and minds at this difficult time in your lives. Mr. Reusch was a hilarious teacher and his tough exterior was only a little part of him. Once you made him laugh he was putty in your hands..at least that's how I seen him. He will always be remembered in the halls of LHS.Class of 2002 will always miss you.

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RD

**Ray Dreyer** posted:

Our condolences for your loss. Ray and Raymond Dreyer

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JH

**John D. Higgins** posted:

Growing up as a friend of John I remember Larry well running around the yard on Platt Street and he sure could run. Many of my favorite memories are of the house on Platt Street and I probably spent as much time there as I did in my own home. I wish you all well during this trying time and will pray for all of you. Love and condolences - John David Francis Higgins friend of John Francis David Reusch. John and I were Confirmed together and we swapped middle names.

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JD

**Jody Daniels** posted:

Nick, Caitlin, Ellen, I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was a good guy and so very proud of you. Our deepest sympathy, Joe, Jody, and Kira Daniels

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VM

**Vinny Mello** posted:

my condolence to larry's family.larry and his brother john were two good guys.

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JM

**Janet Mcgregor** posted:

I first met Larry during the summer of 1961 at Salisbury Beach. I was heading to Lawrence High School as a Freshman in September where he would be a Sophomore. I didn't know then that we would become such good friends during the next 3 years at Lawrence High. I have many fond memories of Larry, from the football, games, to the dances at Central Cathloic on Friday nights. Years fly by and unfortunately, people loose touch. But Larry will always be in my memory as the strong, young, handsome boy, who made me laugh and was my friend. To Larry's family, let your wonderful memories sustain you through this very difficult time. His spirit will always be with you. My prayers are with all of you. Janet

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FC

**Fran Cascio** posted:

May the memories of your loved one sustain you during this time of sorrow.Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Reusch family.With deepest sympathy,The Cascio family

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DF

**David W. Frasier** posted:

My deepest Sympathy and condolences to the Reusch family. May God grant you strength and fond memories to carry you through this most difficult time. ....Dave Frasier

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DF

**David W. Frasier** posted:

A great roll model and leader, Larry will be missed by all who know him. Haven't seen him in years but all my memories of him are top notch. May you be in God's memory and receive everlasting life through the sacrifice of Jesus. Your classmate and friend....Dave Frasier.

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JN

**Judy N.** posted:

Mr. Reusch was truly a wonderful and funny person, always made me smile. You will be missed dearly. -Judy (2002)

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MS

**Maureen Soraghan** posted:

Many, many, years ago, Larry took two women out on dates, mother Mary and daughter Maureen. Mary's husband had passed away and Mary loved to dance. It must have been in the genes because Maureen loved to dance too. Larry didn't care particularly about getting up on the dance floor, but he was always nagged by a chat he had with his Dad. Larry's Dad had said that if he had one more day on earth with his wife, he would have "taken her dancing". Mary and Maureen jumped on that thought, and thus began the trips to see Eddie B. Baker wherever he was performing. I will forever be grateful to Larry Reusch for the comfort he brought to my mother Mary when she was left alone to raise the four of us. For all the Reusch family, including those I have never met, I hope someone comes into your life that will bring you comfort in your time of loss-just like Larry did for us.

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AM

**Amy Little (Mcgrath)** posted:

I would like to send my condolences to the Reusch family. Larry was an excellent teacher and would always make you laugh. He was a unique character and will be missed. My prayers are with his family.

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FW

**Frank&Robert Walsh** posted:

condolences to the reusch family our prayers are with you.

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AM

**Amy Little (Mcgrath)** posted:

I would like to send my condolences to the Reusch family. Larry was a great teacher and will be missed.

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PD

**Paula Deziel** posted:

Connie, Andy and Family, Please accept my heartfelt sympathy during this difficult time. Sincerely,  
Paula Deziel

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KK

**Kevin Kendellen** posted:

My dear friend Larry. I am so glad to have met what we describe in Ireland as, "A Gentleman of the Highest Order." In the past few years he's giving me some priceless encouragement and advice which I know will stand to me throughout my life. While in the US away from my family he was an amazing friend and role model, my only wish is that I'd known him longer. Always a place in my heart. God Bless Lar.

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WL

**Wash Inn Laundromat** posted:

Our deepest condolences to the Reusch family. Larry will be missed by all.

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LD

**Leticia Isabel Diaz** posted:

Although I did not personally know him, my brothers, friends and fellow class mates have talked about what a great person he is and how inspiring he has been to everyone around him. I have always wanted to meet this wonderful man and now I will never get the chance to do so. His family and friends and those who knew him are very lucky people. May he rest in peace.

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TB

**Tom Benjamin** posted:

I fondly remember Larry as a gentleman and wish I were there to pay my respects.

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JR

**Joe La Rosa** posted:

In 1974 I was a freshman football player at Lawrence High School. The first and most lasting lesson I was taught was delivered by the three amigos, Andy, John, and Larry. The lesson was, "What it takes to be a Lancer." Pride, respect, class, dignity and an overwhelming sense of those who played before you. They molded us into Lancers. Since this is a celebration of Mr. Reusch's life I have to share. His was the first dislocated pinkie I had ever seen, to this day, when I see one, I remember the man who started me down the road to becoming a man. I wish we were born with counter that added one for each life we changed, I am sure that Mr. Reusch's would have turned over several times.

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MF

**Melissa Felix** posted:

Mr. Reusch was the best gym teacher I've ever had. He had a way of making you laugh or smile no matter what mood you were in. I will truly miss him. May he rest in peace, and God bless his family.

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LL

**Lee Larivee** posted:

So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I have wonderful memories of our school years and our growing up on the "Hill". My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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JC

**Jenna Calderon** posted:

Although I never had him as a teacher, I knew who he was, he was one of the coaches, one of the gym teachers who liked to pretend that he was tougher than he was, but he had a warm heart, him and his brother, who I had for history, both with their moustaches... I wouldn't have even heard about it if one of my fellow Lancers hadn't told me, and I'm glad, because I want to express my sincerest condolences to all of the friends and family of Coach Larry Reusch, may he rest in peace, and God Bless -Jenna '02

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MB

**Margie Booth** posted:

I never knew Larry as a teacher or a coach, but, as a member of the Class of 1966, I admired him from afar as a sports hero and a dashing young man. I enjoyed reading how his life developed. It sounds like he invested it in his students.

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MC

**Marc F. Pelletier-Central Catholic Hs Baseball Coach** posted:

Coach Reusch and family...on behalf of our baseball team at CCHS we want to express our deepest sympathies on the loss. Our circle of coaches lost a good one. CCHS Baseball

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BB

**Bill Bell** posted:

To both the immediate and extended families of Larry I convey my deepest condolences. He will be sorely missed. Bill

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JJ

**Jim Johnson** posted:

Our sincere condolences to the entire Reusch family with the passing of Larry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim & Fran Johnson

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JD

**Joe Denuncio** posted:

To the Reusch family please except my condolences--I'll always remember Sr year@ L.H.S. during training camp@ the Kane gym when Andy Larry and Sean M snuck some of us out at night and we went to the beach-lol Not sure if Mr Kelleher ever found out----- He always knew how to take the edge off. Larry thanks for teaching me life thru sports-

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TF

**The Gagne Family** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Larry was a good neighbor and was especially thoughtful to our son, Adam. Adam is a teacher at Lawrence High and a football coach at Merrimack College. They had a lot in common. When Larry would see Adam at the beach he would always take time to see how his career was progressing. Larry would often stop by to drop off books/articles on coaching for us to give to Adam. We are unable to attend the services. Larry will be in our prayers. Tom and Debbie Gagne

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AR

**Aaron Rodgerson** posted:

Mrs. Lane, Mr. Lane, Bridget and Maura, I was very sorry to hear of the loss of your brother and uncle. I will keep you all in my prayers. Love, Aaron Rodgerson

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SR

**Sherry And Dennis Rodgerson** posted:

Jean, Joe, Maura, Bridget and Family, We were so sorry to hear about your brother and uncle. We know how close you were. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. We will carry him in our prayers. You are blessed with many relatives and friends and with them you will be able to cherish all of the memories you shared with him. From our family to yours, in this sorrowful time, know that we are here for you. Love, Sherry, Dennis, Aaron & Ryan Rodgerson

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LM

**Lenny Mosley** posted:

Ellen and Family I was saddened to hear of Larry passing. I will always remember the good times we all had. Stay strong and well Lenny Mosley

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CD

**Carlos Dominguez** posted:

Thank you coach for believing in me if it was not for you i would not even finish high school and not give an effort to play football thank you coach and the 96 Lancer football team will miss you.

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JJ

**Julissa J.** posted:

While I never had Mr.Reusch for a gym teacher, my friends and I would always find a way to have conversations with him while we were supposed to be play badminton. He always added a couple of laughs to my day.

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PF

**Pat (Ferris) Fraser** posted:

Dear Jimmy, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. He is with GOD & at peace. God bless you & all of your family. Your friend & classmate, Pat (Ferris)Fraser

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RC

**Ray & Donna Champagne** posted:

To the Reusch Family: Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Ray and I had many great football memories of Larry and became reacquainted with him when he moved to ?the beach?. We enjoyed reminiscing the 1960?s while playing golf with him at the SBBA tournaments. We hope that looking back in Larry?s memory help comfort you during this difficult time. Larry, Our post game prayers are with you! Sincerely Ray & Donna Champagne

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KG

**Kathleen Walsh-Greenwood** posted:

Jean, Jim and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Love, Kathy Walsh

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GJ

**G. Jaquez** posted:

Mr. Reusch was a wonderful Physical Education teacher when I was a student at the Lawrence High School. He will be missed incredibly. My deepest sympathy to your family G. Jaquez

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DK

**Daniel L Mc Kallagat Jr** posted:

To my friend Larry you fought the battle well just as you did with everything thing else.TO Nick and Caitlin he spoke of you often you two were always on his mine he sure loved you guys.To the rest of the Reusch family and extented families my heart goes out to you.DAN MCKALLAGAT

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BK

**Beth & Michael Kelly** posted:

We are very saddened by the passing of Larry and so blessed to have known him. He touched so many lives in so many ways. He was a strong, wonderful, kind man and we will always keep him in our hearts. Our prayers go out to all of his loving family. Love, Beth & Michael Kelly

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JC

**Joanne Canane** posted:

Caitlin, Nick, Ellen, and Reusch family, I will always remember your Dad for the wonderful fun we shared-Toby Keith concert, Patriots Opener 2008, visits at the Beach. He was a Renaissance Man who will be missed. In your heart remember all the wonderful memories. They will carry you through the difficult times and He will be with you ALWAYS. Love, Joanne

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LM

**Lucy Milton** posted:

Dear Reusch family, I am so sorry of the loss of your beloved Larry. He certainly listened to the beat of his own drummer and I smile through tears as I remember good times shared. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Lucy Mistretta Milton

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AB

**Averill Todd Blatchford** posted:

When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. As long as you have your memories, he will always live in your heart. I am honored to have known him.

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**Patty & Sean** posted:

You will be SO missed our dear friend Larry...and always in our prayers

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Laurence P. "Larry" by  
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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