

Harrison County Community Foundation

Larry A. Gettelfinger Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Larry A. Gettelfinger Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2009 at the Harrison County Community Foundation to provide scholarship support to graduating seniors of North Harrison High School pursuing a 4-year degree in Math or Science, including but not limited to the area of Engineering.

Larry A. Gettelfinger was born April 26, 1941, the son of Paul and Corrine (Pate) Gettelfinger. The eldest son of 12 children, Larry mentored his younger siblings as they hunted, fished, and worked on the family farm. He graduated as Salutatorian from North Central High School in Ramsey in 1959. He served three years in the Army during which time he was stationed in Korea. He married Carolyn Zimlich in 1967 and had two children, Lee and Karen (Papador).

While raising a family, Larry earned a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Louisville, a diploma in Brewing Technology from Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago, and a diploma in Brewing Technology/Science from the Institute of Brewing in London, England. He worked 11 years at the Falls City Brewing Company in Louisville, attaining the title of Assistant Brewmaster. In 2002, he retired after 24 years of service in Quality Assurance from the Miller Brewing Company. After his retirement, he reached out to the community as a member of the Lumen Christi Catholic Church's St. Vincent de Paul Society where his caring and patient nature helped those in need.

Larry was very close to his family, often giving advice and encouragement when needed, and he enjoyed spending time with his children and three grandchildren. His genuine nature placing the needs of others before his own gained him respect and friendship throughout his life. He believed in a healthy mind and body, and enjoyed playing golf, fishing, hunting, and baseball. He completed the Milwaukee Lakefront marathon two years in a row and the American Birkebeiner, a 54-km cross-country ski race. He always strived to better himself personally and professionally, and encouraged others to do the same.

The Larry A. Gettelfinger Memorial Scholarship was established by the Gettelfinger family in the hopes that Larry's life will serve as an inspiration to others just as he has inspired those that knew him.



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