



## Laurence Arnold Cushman Jr.

October 22, 2018

Laurence Arnold Cushman, Jr., 86, of West Hartford, Connecticut, passed away on October 22, 2018. He was a devoted husband of 61 years to the late Oris (Stockwell) Cushman. Larry was born in Hartford, Connecticut, to Dr. Laurence A. Cushman, Sr. and Catherine (Unsworth) Cushman. A Hall High School graduate, he served as a military police officer in the 9th Infantry Division stationed in Germany during the Korean War. Larry returned to Connecticut and obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut in agriculture. He then began his career at Michigan State University as a 4-H Youth Agent for 28 years serving Osceola and Berrien Counties in Michigan. While in this role, he completed his master's degree in education. Larry received many honors during his career including the National Distinguished Service Award given by the 4-H National Association and the Distinguished Faculty Award from Michigan State. Following his retirement in 1988, he and Oris relocated to Calusa Lakes in Nokomis, Florida. There they were members Venice Presbyterian Church. In retirement, he enjoyed the company of friends and many rounds of golf, including multiple holes-in-one. In recent years, he returned to West Hartford where he enjoyed his time with family and friends. Larry enjoyed his many four-legged companions over the years. Larry is survived by his daughter, Lynn Wronker and her husband Steve; his son, Laurence Cushman III and his wife, Cyndy; his grandchildren; Wesley Cushman (Jennifer), Geoffrey Crandall (Sara), Megan, Hannah, Paige, Kaitlyn, and Jordyn Cushman. He also is a proud great-grandfather to Hal and Jackson. He also leaves Debbie and Larry Elman and his nieces Nancy Cushman and Cathy Perkins. Besides his wife he was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law Bill and Betty Cushman. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Michigan 4-H Foundation, 446 West Circle Drive, Room 160, East Lansing, MI 48824 or to the American Heart Association. Calling hours will take place Thursday, October 25th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT 06119. Funeral services will take place at Molloy Funeral Home, Friday, October 26th, at 11:00 AM. Graveside services will take place with full military honors at Sarasota National Cemetery, Monday, October 29th, at 1:30pm.

# Events

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**OCT** **Calling Hours** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Molloy Funeral Home

906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT, US, 06119

**OCT** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Larry will remain fondly in the hearts of fellow 4-H and extension colleagues and those many, many people he touched across his life and career. i knew him as a dedicated and innovative extension professional who positively influenced many young people, 4-H and community leaders, and colleagues. What a great sense of humor to go with.

My condolences to his family and close friends for their loss.

With respect and sympathy,

Joe Lessard  
MSU Extension Retiree

Joe Lessard - November 13, 2018 at 02:44 PM

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“ I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with and for Larry Cushman and Clare Musgrove. I could not have landed in a better learning environment than that provided me by these two gentlemen. They were both committed to my success as an extension agent from the first day I arrived. Clare was the boss but Larry was to become a trusted mentor, colleague and friend during my six years in Berrien and beyond. His sage advice throughout my extension career was much appreciated. Larry would tell me how to approach a task and what to avoid, often based on experience. He was the most organized and innovative 4-H Agent that I have ever known especially in the areas of technology (computers) and fundraising (Endowment). He was committed to his family and never stopped talking about his grands. His dedication to expanding the horizons of youth and families in Berrien earned him their respect. Many of the teens would affectionally call him "Uncle Larry".

Forever grateful,

Hank Allen, 4-H Youth  
Berries County

Hank Allen - November 13, 2018 at 01:14 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Larry in the Berrien County, Michigan Extension Office for over twenty years. His days of work were very productive and often humorous as he would usually find something in the days events that garnered a sage comment regardless of it being directed at the administration, program reporting or just things that 4H kids or leaders did. It is note worthy that he and Clare Musgrove initiated the Berrien County 4H Foundation in 1967 which was instrumental in funding program activities and 4H program assistants and now has

reached 1 Million dollars in assets. His legacy carries on also because of the excellent and diverse programs he provided leadership for during his tenure. He contributed measurably to the entire Berrien Extension staff being awarded the very first Team Award for Extension Programs in Michigan. Well done Larry!  
Jim Neibauer, Agriculture agent and Extension Director.

**James Neibauer** - November 09, 2018 at 04:01 PM