



## Marty Letscher

May 15, 2020

Martin Letscher, 84, of West Hartford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2020. A burial service will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time. Marty was born in Warren, Ohio the son of Harry and Mary Letscher. He married Barbara Thomas, the love of his life, in Warren, Ohio in 1958; they were devoted to each other in marriage of nearly 62 years. Marty was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, James Letscher, John Letscher and Mary Anne Lesti. Marty earned a ROTC scholarship which enabled him to attend the University of Notre Dame. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1958 and was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps. Following his discharge in 1961, he moved to Racine, Wisconsin, where he and Barbara raised their five children, and he began a career in market research at S.C. Johnson & Son where he worked for more than 20 years. After two more moves, Marty and Barbara settled in River Forest, Illinois, where Marty finished his career after running his own successful market research consulting firm. Marty and Barbara enjoyed their retirement, their passion in retirement was travelling the world; by last count, they visited 25 countries. Marty and Barbara attended different high schools and met as teenagers at Junior Achievement; they continued dating long distance throughout college, then getting married after graduation. While raising five children Marty and Barbara somehow found time to start the Racine Montessori School, which continues to thrive today. Marty was incredibly proud of his 5 children, their spouses and his 13 grandchildren, or

as he would say 13 'perfect' grandchildren. Whichever one he was with at that time was always his favorite, and his nickname for all of them was 'George.' Marty was a wonderful and loving husband, father and grandfather, who with Barbara have a legacy to be proud of. Marty is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Gary Letscher (Debbie), Tom Letscher (Sheila), Anne Shanahan (Tim), Mark Letscher (Jane) and Dave Letscher (Beth); and grandchildren, John and Jake Letscher; Dan, Sam, Sarah and Abby Letscher; Laura Shanahan (Paul), Maggie Shanahan (Héctor), and Jack Shanahan; Joe, Jen and Nate Letscher; and Sean Letscher. Memorials may be made to University of Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns, Geddes Hall (Building #1212), Notre Dame, Indiana 46556; Racine Montessori School, 2317 Howe Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53403; or American Heart Association' 3816 Paysphere Circle Chicago, IL 60674.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Fairview Cemetery  
200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Marty Letscher*



---

**Molloy Funeral Home** - May 18, 2020 at 08:37 PM

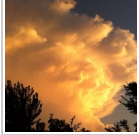
AS

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



---

**Anne Shanahan** - May 20, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ To Barb and family ...

*Please accept my condolences on the recent passing of Marty. He certainly doesn't need prayers for he lived his life in a manner that attested to his decency and beliefs that made this world a better place. As a "distant" cousin, I fondly remember that he was great friends with my mom and dad - Aunt Helen and Uncle Ed. Barb, you and Marty always not only kept in touch - visited us and them around the world and when they were in living through my dad's long battle with dementia and mom's steadfast vigil at his side. Now, I'm sure that they have had and will continue to have a grand reunion "on the other side". Do hope that you are pleased to know that he is at peace and though I'm sure that you miss his physical presence greatly - are comforted by his "touch" from "the other side". Take care ... Love, Joslen (Lois) Letscher*

---

**Joslen Letscher** - May 19, 2020 at 02:41 PM