



## Harry Michael Loefgren

October 23, 1942 - January 18, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that the extended Loefgren family announces the passing of Harry Michael Loefgren, at the age of 83. Known to those who loved him as Mike, Coach, Poppi & Grampy.

Born in Great Falls, Montana, Mike spent his early days in Rochelle then to Chicago, Buffalo, NY, Green Bay, WI, Carlisle, PA, and then returned to Rochelle to raise his family. Mike then spent many years on farms and the lakes of Wisconsin and eventually to Sarasota to be closer to his grandchildren. Mike lived life fully and unmistakably on his own terms. After all, who else would trade in a Porsche for an orange Kubota tractor?

Mike was always ready with sound advice, whether as a friend, father, husband, or coach. He approached life with pragmatic clarity, often punctuating his wisdom with trademark humor. He was a masterful debater, never losing an argument (or so he thought). But more often than not, he was right.

Sports were one of Mike's great passions. He loved football, baseball, basketball, tennis, softball and golf. Ever the competitor he was known for organizing various neighborhood sports events such as "Superstars Competition". Long after his playing days were behind him, Mike continued to coach anyone who would listen and was a lifelong Green Bay Packers season

ticket holder.

In sports, as in life, Mike gave everything he had. Quitting was never an option. He was an accomplished Salesman who could sell ice to Eskimos. Mike was a remarkable power napper and could be found on the floor or in the sunshine most afternoons. He met challenges head-on, with grit, determination, and resolve. Even in his final years, as his health declined, he continued to fight, supported unwaveringly by his wife and pillar, Melinda. The competitor within him knew no other way.

Above all else, Mike was a devoted family man and loyal friend. He loved deeply and gave freely, with no expectations and no strings attached. There was nothing he wouldn't do for the people he cared about.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Harry & Iris and his brothers John Paul and Tom. Mike is survived by his beloved wife, Melinda; his first wife Gail Loefgren; his brother, Richard Loefgren (Lynn); his children, Michael Loefgren, Kristin Heintz (Lee) and Antonio Oppi (Melissa); and his eight cherished grandchildren; Emily, Colin, Hannah, Alex, Abby, Sam, Nefeli, and Alessandra; who carry forward his legacy of strength, humor, and love.

We are thankful for the many memories we shared with him. He will be greatly missed.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

19th Hole  
4409 Tournament Players Club Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34238

# Tribute Wall

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“ We have many fond memories of Mike from his years in Rochelle, one being at a Super Bowl party at his home when the Bears won, to the many jokes and pranks shared. Always up for fun he made the most of life. When you hear Mike’s name a smile comes to you. RIP our friend

Paul and Jane Quitno - March 15 at 04:34 PM

KP

“ So many great memories of Mike while growing up in Rochelle. He was never afraid to tell you what you should have done during a game, lol, but he always gave the best compliments as well. He was always teaching. Whether it was a sport, homework, or just explaining why you needed to eat your green veggies at dinner; he would always smile and have that gleam in his eye and we would learn from him. I know he will be forever missed. My love, hugs, and prayers to the entire family at this difficult time.

Kimberly Prior - January 23 at 04:29 PM

SS

“ I really enjoyed playing city league basketball, and getting to know Mike back in the 80"s. Later played golf with him and he was always friendly and kind to me.

Steve Sheline - January 22 at 05:23 PM

KW

“ praying for his family --- mike was always kind to me ---

Kathy Whipple - January 22 at 10:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Mike's Service*



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**Maloney Funeral Home** - January 21 at 09:49 AM