



# Dr. Larry Troy

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**D**ecatur – Dr. Larry Troy, 64, of East Peoria formerly of Decatur passed away on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 in Decatur Memorial Hospital Emergency Room.

Dr. Troy was born on December 1, 1947 in New York, NY the son of Elliot and Harriet (Van Thyne) Troy.

Dr. Troy received his B.A. from State University of New York-Stony Brook, and M.A., Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. He was a Professor of Sociology in the Behavioral Sciences Department at Millikin University starting in 1979 and was a devoted and much-loved member of the University community. He taught a variety of courses including Introduction to Sociology, Poverty & Welfare Reform, The Family, Approaches to Sociological Theory, Sociological Analysis, and Urban Sociology. His research interests included community development, family violence, and service learning. He enjoyed photography. He had a special commitment to service to others.

Surviving are his life partner, Dawn Williams; daughter, Sara Cothorn (Larz) of Decatur; son, Alex Lovell-Troy (Sarah Stewart) of Tucson, AZ; sister, Marcia Laird (Jim) of Danville, CA; grandchild, Sadie Stewart-Troy; and step-grandchild, Cameron Cothorn.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Dr. Larry Troy will be 5 PM Friday, September 28, 2012 in Albert Taylor Theatre at Millikin University. Memorials are suggested to Outreach 360 or Dr. Larry Troy Memorial Fund at Millikin University. The family of Dr. Larry Troy is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).



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PE

**Pepita** posted:

I'm Pepita and I was going to search in google Larry's email because I've been thinking a lot about him and right now I'm in shock. What have happened? I really would like to contact with anyone of his family. I was an exchange student in 1998 and I was living at his house during a year and, honestly, he was the best person I met there... he was a second-father for me! Please contact me!!!! My email is josefinaboteroescobar@hotmail.com I don't have words to express myself about this feeling. Love, Pepita

August 28 at 9:48 AM

BR

**Briah** posted:

I recently decided to complete a quick comment in an effort to express gratitude to you personally for the wonderful pointers you're posting at this site. My time-consuming internet investigation has in the end during the day been rewarded with high-quality strategies to show to my guests. I would say that many people's guests are truly endowed to appear in an incredible network with developed solid relationships. Marvellous people who have useful hints. I feel quite privileged to obtain and use your webpages and show off toward really more fabulous minutes reading here. Thanks again for most things.

October 22 at 4:11 AM

LA

**Larissa** posted:

Thanks for the kind words, Norma. I invite you to add whatever wisdom you'd like to share by commenting on my posts. That is something that I feel has been missing on my site. I am working on a book with other Dads I follow. I really need to support my fellow packsters more, so I really appreciate you reaching out to me. I wish you success! Alex

October 21 at 2:38 PM

TO

**Tomohiko** posted:

I read the story (The Story of the Great Kitty Rescue - Once Bitten, Twice Shy) It is a very sad story and I wonder why nobody has been prosecuted. What is the status of FLOCK today? Christian.

October 20 at 5:58 PM



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JR

**Jerry Renville** posted:

Thank you for adding your presence to my life. Our love of photography made us friends and many, many, of your friends on Flickr miss you greatly. God bless you. What a wonderful person we had the chance to know.

October 3 at 4:41 PM

DW

**Donna Washburn** posted:

We are on vacation and I just heard about your loss. What a shock! Our prayers are with you. I remember how concerned Larry was when Carlton and Alex were in Kindergarten and Carlton some how fell and hit his head on the playground. Carlton was knocked out for a bit and Larry carried him inside to the room. At the time I thought....what a caring man! ?? I'll let the boys know.A big loving hug to all of you,Donna and John Washburn

October 1 at 10:58 AM

DC

**Degrande Celine** posted:

Dear Dawn,Olivier just told me what happened...I'm so sorry to hear that.There is no good words in such sad situations.... I just want to tell you that my thoughts are with you..Take care.Warmest Regards,CÃ?Æ?Ã?Â©line

October 1 at 8:16 AM

MS

**Mark & Phyllis Stewart** posted:

Dear Alex: We were shocked to hear of the loss of your dad. He was a nice man and I wish we could have gotten to know him better. You and your family are in our prayers. Love, Mark & Phyllis

September 28 at 5:45 PM



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PB

**Paul Bacon** posted:

I did not know Dr. Troy, but I got to know his son Sascha, and think the world of him. Our children are a reflection of us, so I am sure that Dr Troy is a special man that will be immensely missed by his family and his community. My own father passed away 20 years ago at the age of 67, and I was always very happy that I had a great relationship with my dad, so that when he passed, I did not feel like we had left anything unsaid between us. Knowing Sascha, I would guess that this is also some comfort to him as well. My heart aches for you and your family Sascha! I know you will raise your own children to be proud of their grandfather as I did with my own dad. We at Linden who know you are thinking of you today, and wishing you and your family well despite this tragedy.sincerely,Paul Bacon

September 28 at 5:12 PM

VR

**Vanessa Rice** posted:

My condolences to the family. Words alone cannot epress my sympathy on the untimely death of Dr. Troy. To say that his time here was far to short is an understatement. Dr. Troy will be sorely missed by all who knew him. My prayer are with you.

September 28 at 11:28 AM

MJ

**Ms. Lolita Jones** posted:

I am so sadden by the sudden loss of Dr. Troy, a person with such passion for education and change. I have had several courses under the guidance of Dr. Troy. He was a fair person and did not believe in just giving a grade, you had to earn it. Often he and I did not agree on many things but we still respected each others' opinion. Whenever I was not giving it my all, he would become frustrated with me and insist that I put more effort and time into my writings. I truly respected him for this though many times I'd become so frustrated at him but I knew that he expected and wanted the best from me and all of his students. Dr. Troy was an original. There are not many of his kind left in this world. He didn't view teaching as 'just a job' but a mission, a mission to educate the future generations so that they would become productive and notable adults and citizens in society. Dr. Troy opened the eyes and minds of many students who had no clue about the real world.I was told many years ago that God only pick his best flowers, well I am sure that Dr. Troy's smile brings more beauty and peace to his garden.As time goes by you will think of him and smile. The pain becomes bearable and the tears become few but the education field has suffered a great loss.My prayers are with his family in their time of sorrow. Rest in peace Dr. Troy

September 28 at 9:05 AM



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EG

**Ed Gaitros** posted:

My condolences to the family. I only knew Larry thru the Peoria Flickr group. He was always a pleasure to be around. He was a very talented photographer and will be missed by everyone in the Peoria Flickr group

September 28 at 8:49 AM

BP

**Becky Peer** posted:

Dear Sara and Alex, The Peer family is holding you both in our hearts today. We are so sorry for the sudden loss of your dad. Amy has so many wonderful memories of times spent with your family and how comfortable both of your parents made her feel when she was in your home. I had your dad for a class the first year he was at Millikin and really felt his commitment to teaching and connecting with his students. His loss will be felt deeply at Millikin, but more deeply for you. We will pray for God's peace to enfold you. Take good care of yourselves. Love, Bob and Becky Peer

September 27 at 12:20 PM

KC

**Kevin And Candy Cothorn** posted:

We did not know Larry well, but our times with him were fun and pleasant! He will be missed. Prayers for family and friends are being said.

September 27 at 10:51 AM

JM

**Jean Moore** posted:

Sara, Alex, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good man and mentor, one of my favorite teachers ever. I will be out of town and unable to be at Millikin Friday. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 27 at 10:35 AM

BD

**Betsy Detrick** posted:

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Dawn and Larry's family. I only met Larry briefly but could tell what a passionate person he was. I know that his students will miss him greatly as well. Please remember that you are in others thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May God bless and keep you in His care.

September 27 at 8:50 AM



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CW

**Cynthia Wilson** posted:

My son Nathan Tidyman was a peer of Alex Lovely-Troy, so I got to know Larry as we waited in parking lots for our sons or carted each other's kids to events. He was a kind, gentle man and I admired him. I am so sorry to hear of this great loss.

September 26 at 5:39 PM

MS

**Mark Sorensen** posted:

Sara and Alex, We are sorry for your sudden loss. Mark & Kathy Sorensen

September 26 at 3:50 PM

CA

**Crystal Aymer** posted:

My condolences to the family. Larry's and his family were a vital part of my adolescence as well as my years at Millikin. I hope to be attending any services available to pay my respects. I am so sorry for this painful loss. I hope to be seeing my old friend Alex soon!

September 26 at 1:17 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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