



## Larry F. Rathe

November 4, 1944 - March 3, 2024

Larry F. Rathe, age 79, of Murrells Inlet, passed away March 3, 2024 at Embrace Hospice House.

He was born November 4, 1944 in Waterloo, Iowa to the late Frederick & Nora Hennings Rathe.

Larry was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend, and fisherman to many and proudly served our country in the United States Army where he received an honorable discharge.

A member of Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church, Larry served on Church Council as President, served as usher, and an assistant minister. He always held the heart of children in teaching them about being an acolyte. He also served on the Social Ministry Committee, Synod Council as Property Chairman and was instrumental in renovating the synod office in Columbia and also finishing the construction of Cristo Rey, one of the many mission churches.

In 1998, Larry entered the South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission Board as Secretary and moved up the chain of command until he became President in 2001. He was also a past president of the South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission, a member of the Committee of 100 where he served as Honorary

Life and Memorial Director, co-chair as president of the Epiphany Conference, and served as President of the Shepherd of the Sea's Lutheran Men in Mission Unit.

Larry was honored to receive the Distinguished Service Award for South Carolina Lutheran Men in 2006 and the South Carolina Men in Mission Lifetime Distinguished Service Award in 2022.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Rathe, who passed away January 26, 2001.

He is survived by his daughters, Tina Rathe and wife Emma Kealoha-Rathe, and Teresa Ettenger and husband Kevin; grandchildren, Amber Stanley and Maggie Ettenger; great-grandchildren, Kameron, Kiara, and Sara; brother, Don Rathe, and sister, Mary Brown.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Men in Mission.

Funeral service will be held 1:00 PM, Friday, March 8, 2024 at Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church, 2637 Hwy. 17 Business, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576, with burial to follow at Ocean Woods Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Ocean Woods Cemetery

2408 S. Kings Hwy  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran  
2637 HWY 17 Business South  
Garden City, SC 29576  
(843) 651-7377

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

EH

“ I have alot of wonderful memories with Larry. Group of us at bike week would meet at Larry's house. We would take our chairs and watch the bikes go by. On the 4th of July Larry invited us to go out on his pontoon-boat to see fire works. Group would go out to eat, play bingo and go to different plays. My heart goes out to Larry's family. He was a very kind person and will be missed.



Elaine Hunt - March 08, 2024 at 09:55 AM

TR

Thank you so much for sharing this....much love, Tina & Teresa

Tina Rathe - March 12, 2024 at 07:00 AM

MH

“ We had a great time fishing with Larry. Really enjoyed working with him in Lutheran Men In Mission with the Golf Tournament. Larry will be missed. My condolences to the family.



Marshall Hunt - March 08, 2024 at 09:33 AM

TR

Thank you so much for sharing, he loved that tournament.. much love, Tina& Teresa

Tina Rathe - March 12, 2024 at 07:02 AM

DW

“ We are thinking of Larry Rathe and his family - knowing him from school and being good friends for all these years, remaining friends. We will miss him a lot. Classmates from Tripoli High School. Dennis & Sharlene Weidler and Alan & Linda Schwemm. Are condolences to the Family.

Dennis Weidler - March 07, 2024 at 10:13 AM

TR

Thank you for sharing... many hugs to all of you..  
Much Love, Tina & Teresa

Tina Rathe - March 12, 2024 at 07:03 AM

RH

“ I remember Larry's work with the SCLMM for many years, he was always positive in his positions and Ideas toward the road ahead. I also had the pleasure to play. Some golf. He was a great individual in every aspect, he will be missed. May he rest in peace. I salute him.

Richard Hankins - March 06, 2024 at 10:20 PM

TR

Thank you so much for sharing, you're so right, he was always positive..  
Much Love, Tina & Teresa

Tina Rathe - March 12, 2024 at 07:04 AM



“ I knew Larry from our office and his work at FSI. He was always great at his job and very pleasant to work with. My condolences to his family. Martha Lewis

Martha Lewis - March 05, 2024 at 06:02 PM

TR

*Thank you for sharing...he instilled hard work in us :) he loved the FSI family  
Much Love, Tina& Teresa*

Tina Rathe - March 12, 2024 at 07:06 AM

AR

“ Allen, Pam, Evelyn, & Tanner Rathe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry F. Rathe.

Allen, Pam, Evelyn, & Tanner Rathe - March 05, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry F. Rathe.



March 05, 2024 at 05:55 PM

TF

“ The Godwin Family - FSloffice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry F. Rathe.

The Godwin Family - FSloffice - March 05, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Larry F. Rathe.



March 05, 2024 at 02:09 PM

JS

“ Jay and Elizabeth Smith purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Larry F. Rathe.



Jay and Elizabeth Smith - March 05, 2024 at 02:09 PM



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March 05, 2024 at 01:17 PM

DM

“ Larry was a good man, and a strong supporters of mission churches. His generosity and kindness will be greatly missed.

Dale K Morris - March 05, 2024 at 10:52 AM

TR

Thank you so much for sharing, he loved helping mission churches...  
Much Love, Tina & Teresa

Tina Rathe - March 12, 2024 at 07:07 AM

BT

“ Larry was a dear friend, and a true servant of God. He was more of an institution at Shepherd Of The Sea, a member. I will miss him dearly.

Bob Teahue - March 05, 2024 at 09:21 AM

TR

*Thank you for sharing, he loved the church and the service work...Much Love, Tina & Teresa*

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**Tina Rathe** - March 12, 2024 at 07:08 AM