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## Lorne Larsen

(1953-2013)

Lorne Larsen protected, preserved, and enhanced his community. With over 20 years of service to the Westwood Community, Lorne's dedication has left the Westwood Community League in a very positive position.

Lorne Larsen was a long time resident of the Westwood neighbourhood and grew up in his family home at 12309 – 106 Street NW. He attended H. A. Gray, Victoria Composite High School, and NAIT. Over the years, Lorne became the "go to guy", always able to find the time to help a neighbour.

After Lorne and his wife married, they moved away from the Westwood community, but returned 10 years later. As their child grew older, Lorne became more involved in the Westwood Community League, prompting him to assume the role of President in the fall of 1995. Though he was dedicated to the Westwood Community League, Lorne's passion for volunteering also went beyond Westwood. He was assistant coach on many baseball teams and actively involved with the Annual Island Lake Days activities.

Lorne served as the President of the Westwood Community League until his sudden passing on February 9, 2013. He worked diligently for the community and was a strong representative of Westwood. Lorne represented the Westwood Community by tending to many issues and projects such as the Indy Races, the sale of H. A. Gray School and the subsequent redevelopment, park land redevelopment, street traffic studies, land rezoning, group homes in the community, and the 118 Avenue and airport redevelopments. Lorne's final triumph as President occurred when he signed off on the "Triangle Park" project. The large unused parcel of land would be turned into a park for the benefit of the Westwood Community.

It is to no surprise that Lorne was recognized as the 630 Ched Good Guy of the Day on January 6, 1976 after stopping to help a woman and her child repair their vehicle. Lorne was also recognized "for an excellent year" in 1999 by the East Park-Spruce Avenue Panthers and as Volunteer of the Year in September of 2003 by the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. His wife and son received the Lifetime Achievement for Community Service award from the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues on behalf of Lorne in April of 2013, recognizing over 20 years of service to the Westwood Community League.

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