



## Lawrence R. Prichard

August 21, 1945 - November 22, 2024

Guilford, NY-Lawrence R. "Larry" Prichard, 79, entered Eternal Life Friday, November 22, 2024 at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Born in Schenectady, he was the son of Samuel and Hazel Sonne Prichard.

Larry was graduated from Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School, Siena College, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.

Larry was ordained a Priest for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany on May 13, 1972. He served as Associate Pastor at Christ the King Church for ten years. His ministry there included Director of Religious Education, and founder of the Cellar for Teens. Larry went on to become the longtime supervisor of security and housekeeping at Crossgates Mall, and then Avila Retirement Community as a security guard. Larry was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3357.

He was the brother of the late Martha Prichard Martinelli; former brother-in-law of Philip Martinelli; longtime friend of Paul and Kathy Nolles, Anne Nowak, Joanne Haas, Darlene Robinson Cashin and Dimetri Perdaris; uncle of Jeffrey Martinelli (Dee), Tina Forchilli (Paul), Randy Martinelli (Gina), Coreen Prysmont (Michael), Gina Martinelli LaRoe, and Tonya Martinelli; several grandnieces and grandnephews survive.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at Christ the King Church, Guilderland, NY.

His Funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 am.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

Those wishing to remember Larry in a special way may send a contribution to either the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204 or Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 30. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church  
20 Sumter Avenue  
Albany, NY 12203

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ I met Father Pichard in the 70's when he was a Priest in Wylie Texas. He helped me thru some tough times & I have been thankful to him for over 50 years now.  
Over the years i'd call him here & there. I wanted to call him again & just looked him up to see he has passed on.

*I will miss you Father Larry*

*PEACE & LUV*

*Sandi*



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**Sandi Ayres-Jacobsmeier** - June 06, 2025 at 10:11 PM

PB

“ I am deeply saddened today, I reached out to a friend at his workplace tonight to reconnect and share updates on each other's lives, but instead, a kind lady answered the phone and shared the bittersweet news that Larry had passed on to a higher realm, I shared my name with her and she lit up, revealing that Larry had spoken about me often with fond memories. I've been blessed to have had another extraordinary friend and former colleague who touched my life. Rest in peace, Larry Prichard, your legacy lives on, and Heaven has gained a precious angel



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**Paul G Boettner** - February 25, 2025 at 04:46 AM

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**Paul G Boettner** - February 25, 2025 at 04:47 AM

MM

“ *I was a volunteer for several years at The Cellar For Teens. Larry had the most energy of just about any person I have known. His mind was always active, always thinking ahead of how to better The Cellar program. I lost touch with Larry after he left the priesthood. I am saddened to hear of his death. He was a beautiful man, both inside and out, rest in peace.*

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**Maura M McPeak** - December 14, 2024 at 06:36 PM

PW

“ *I first met Larry through his remarkable brain child "The Cellar for Teens". He had a passion for providing a place for the everyday teens and mixed it with the energy and charisma of an American Bandstand atmosphere. He had a mind locked in hyperdrive... devising the "departments" needed to operate it. All staffed by the kids with adult advisers. I became deeply involved thanks to Larry's mentorship.*  
*That time has long passed, but remains a powerful time in my life!  
There will never be a time like it.. and never another Larry!  
I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends. Be assured, he will never be forgotten by the Cellar Dwellers!*

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**Patrick Walsh** - December 05, 2024 at 11:52 AM

NB

“ I worked with Larry many years ago at Crossgates - he was so good with people and such a loyal & dedicated member of the team. Just a lovely person. My condolences to his family - may he rest in peace.

Nancy Bielawa - December 02, 2024 at 12:30 PM

JR

“ Larry was my right hand man at Prestige Delivery for 5 years. I appreciated Larry's friendship and his dedicated to doing his best. We had many many good conversations. My condolences to Larry's family. RIP my friend.

John Richards - November 30, 2024 at 08:49 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was very beloved in the Avila community. Always so helpful and with a smile. I will always remember our chats and his cheerful personality. My condolences go out to all who knew and loved him. May God Rest his Sweet Soul.

Daniela Filmer - November 29, 2024 at 10:28 AM

DH

“ I had the privilege of working with Larry at Avila for just over 2 1/2 years. He and I did overnight security. I going to miss him and are talks, and boy he could talk your ear off but I loved it. He had a love of dark chocolate ate a bar from Cumberland Farms just about every night. My sister also love's dark chocolate, she loved picking him up fancy dark chocolate's for him on are travels. Godspeed Larry, and thank you. I will keep you and your family and friend in my prayers.



Diane Holzschuh - November 29, 2024 at 02:25 AM

KE

“ I used to be an altar boy at Christ the King Church in Guilderland when Father Prichard was serving there. He was the youngest priest there and we thought he was so cool. Didn't know he left the priesthood but life calls us in many directions! Rest in Peace.

Kevin - November 28, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JS

“ Well if you grew up in Guilderland you remember Father Pritchard. I remember when we were younger going to Christ the King and although Father Hart was a wonderful priest, he was older, and when Father Pritchard began he seemed so Vibrant and interesting. When your a kid church is kinds boring so anyone that could make it more exciting or interesting was a plus! I remember going to the cellar which started off in the basement of the rectory. He was well liked by the teens. Having some place to go and watch movies was nice. Later in the years after her had left the ministry he ended up being my boss at Crossgates Mall where he was the security director. Seemed so weird to see him in a suit or regular clothes. He had just as much energy then. I havent seen him in years after that but have thought of him and wondered where his life had taken him. RIP Father Pritchard ( Larry)

Julie Simmons - November 28, 2024 at 11:26 AM

GM

“ Gina Martinelli purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lawrence R. Prichard.



Gina Martinelli - November 27, 2024 at 11:33 PM

GM

“Gina Martinelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence R. Prichard.

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**Gina Martinelli** - November 27, 2024 at 11:33 PM