Leslie Lawrence

Leslie “Big L” Lawrence, 84, of Bayport, died July 11 due to injuries sustained in a car accident from the prior week.

A graduate of Tufts University in 1958, Mr. Lawrence spent his career as manager of communications at Brookhaven National Laboratory. After retiring in the mid-’90s, he continued to work in various roles such as umpire and real estate investor. He had numerous passions throughout his life including music, wine, bridge, orchids and sports. Mr. Lawrence never missed the opportunity to encourage people to challenge themselves and was a great influence to young folks in his life. His family has enough stories to last their lifetime and more.

He is survived by his children, Kristine Kramer and husband, John, Carrie Lawrence-Bosse and husband, Michael, and Mark Lawrence and wife, Nicole; his longtime friend and companion, Lorraine Hugelmeyer; his brother, Bill; his sister, Nancy MacVicor; his grandchildren, Alex, Rachel, Erica, Emily, Ryan, Megan and Kate; and his sisters-in-law Marilyn and Kathy Holle and husband, Tim. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Joan (Holle); his son, Lee and wife, Flo; and his sister, Rita.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Raynor & D’Andrea Funeral Home. Condolences may be shared at https://www.raynordandrea.com. In lieu of a wake, an outdoor celebration for friends and family will be held at Loughlin Vineyard, Sayville, on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 12 to 2 p.m. (rain date, Aug. 2).

Memorial donations may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society (https://www.nationalmssociety.org/) or Bayport-Blue Point Booster Club, PO Box 77, Bayport, NY 11705 and would be appreciated by the family.