



**LAWRENCE TUFIC ERBAN**  
**1943-1977**

It was suggested that we provide a brief bio of Larry's life, since some of you have not had the privilege of knowing him or who he was.

The son of Ted and Julia (Abizaid) Erban, my uncle Larry played an integral part of the St. George family. He is my mother's (Velva Kraunelis) and my Uncle Nick's older brother. Larry was an altar server throughout his youth and served as head altar server until he graduated from high school. He taught Sunday School and participated in the activities of the church and the region.

Larry was a graduate of Norwich University in Vermont, where he earned the distinction of having graduated fourth in his class. At that time, the University was exclusively military, much like West Point. He entered the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant and was deployed to Viet Nam shortly after graduation. As you know, Viet Nam was a battlefield in the 60s. He fought mainly in the Mekong Delta region, where he served as tank commander of the Ninth Infantry Division. He earned a field promotion to Captain and a Bronze Star for bravery and meritorious achievement. Although he did return home, he would be a casualty of the war. He died in 1977 at the age of 33.

Larry loved education; he could never get enough. And he loved his church. For those reasons, the family chose to invest all of the donations made in memory of Larry to establish a scholarship fund to benefit the youth of St. George parish to perpetuate his memory.

This year's honoree is a 2015 graduate of Haverhill High School where he graduated among the top 10% of his class. He was a member of the National Honor Society with a 3.70 GPA. He was captain of the lacrosse team and served on the Model United Nations. He will enter UMass Amherst in the fall, majoring in civil engineering.

It is our pleasure to award the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Larry Erban Scholarship to George Touma Scopelites.

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