



Larry Keith Kline

October 20, 1939 - June 20, 2013

Webster: June 20, 2013 at age 73 after a long battle with COPD. Predeceased by his parents, Emma and Clarence Kline of State College, PA and his brother, Dennis, of Rochester. Survived by his wife of 51 years, Caroll, and their three daughters and families: Jennifer Kline (Kenneth Brown) of Penfield; Wende (Mark) Haecker and their sons Damon, Chase, Brett, Aidan of Altamonte Springs, FL; and Jill (Richard) Schneider and their children Luke, Hannah of Gladstone, MO. Also survived by three siblings, Wayne (Anique) of Indianapolis, IN; Karen (Dennis) Harris of Wellsville, NY; and Kevin (Joanne) of San Antonio, TX. Other family members include Terry Wright of Wellsville, NY; Peg Kline of San Antonio, TX; and many cousins, nieces, nephews.

Larry was born and raised in Buffalo and met his future wife at Sunday School. He attended Valparaiso University on a baseball scholarship and married after graduation in 1961. He earned his Masters in Chemistry from Penn State, and a Ph.D. from SUNY Buffalo. Larry completed his post-doctoral work at Yale University and accepted a teaching position at SUNY Brockport in the Biological Services Department, where he spent his entire career. Larry returned to Yale in 1979 for a sabbatical of research. Larry was the stereotypical nerdy professor and is remembered by his students for his no-nonsense approach to teaching and his love of cardigan sweaters.

Larry expressed his love of Jesus Christ by happily serving others, especially through his church community. He served on the ELCA Upper NYS Synod, was a Stephen Ministry Leader, sang in the choir, took on the role of caterer, and was a member of many different church committees. Larry was the first male soccer coach for the Little Gal's Soccer League in the 1970s, was active in Brockport Community Theater in the 1980s, and pursued traveling and cooking as a hobby thereafter. Larry loved to entertain and hosted many family reunions and dinners with friends. We will miss his sense of humor and all of the talents he shared with us. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Fairport Baptist Homes and Larry's caregivers, Connie Albert, Chris Hayes, and Roxann Vongunden.

Calling hours will be held 1-3 and 6-8 PM Wednesday, June 26 at the funeral chapel (1031 Ridge Rd.). A memorial service will be held 11 AM Thursday, June 27 with a reception immediately following at Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 761 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY 14624. Donations may be made to Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Lifetime Care Hospice, 3111 S. Winton Road, Rochester, NY 14623.

Events

JUN 26 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

Anthony Funeral Chapels, Webster
1031 Ridge Road, Webster, NY, US, 14580

JUN 26 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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JUN 27 **Service** 11:00AM

Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church
761 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY, US, 14624

Comments



“ Caroll, and family,

Truly sorry for your loss. Larry ,Patricia and I were the 1953 confirmation class of St. Andrew's Lutheran in Buffalo. Larry shared a room with me at the confirmation retreat in the summer of 1953. And, of course, we all belonged the the Walther League together.

I'm sure that you are all proud of his achievements here on earth. The good news is that we will all meet again when we go to meet our Lord and God!

Gary Tober,
Katy,Tx

Gary Tober - July 09, 2013 at 02:52 PM



“ Caroll, Jen, Wende and Jill,

I know how much Larry meant to each of you and can say I am truly blest to have known him. Watching the closeness you shared as a family is a rare treasure and something I am fortunate to have witnessed.

While we know is in Heaven, he will surely be missed, my deepest condolences to you.

God Bless,

Mike

Michael Fanto - July 01, 2013 at 02:14 PM



“ Steve Paradis lit a candle in memory of Larry Keith Kline



steve paradis - June 27, 2013 at 03:21 AM



“ Larry will be very much missed. for many reasons including his devotion to church. I express my condolences to the family

steve paradis - June 27, 2013 at 03:20 AM



“ To Carol and family. We will absolutely miss my neighbors smiling face at our functions at the Villa's. Larry always had a super way about about him. We are fortunate to have known him. Annette and John Tengeres

Annette & John Tengeres - June 26, 2013 at 04:45 PM



“ My deepest sorrow and thoughts are with the whole family. Sorry I could not be there with everyone. Thinking of all the good times when we were younger and would come stay with you guys. Still have that scar on my shoulder and memories of camping. Hope to see everyone soon. Take Care. Love always, Michelle and Family

Michelle Kline-Axson - June 26, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ NURSES Etc STAFFING, Prima Core, and VIRTUS send our deepest condolences to the families.
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NURSES Etc STAFFING

Ruby - June 25, 2013 at 05:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Keith Kline.



June 25, 2013 at 07:51 AM



“ Teleflora's Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Keith Kline.



June 25, 2013 at 07:44 AM



“ Dear Kline family. It is with the greatest sorrow that I learned of Larry's passing. Larry and I were the closest of colleagues from the time we both arrived at Brockport, probably during the same week. During our second week in Brockport back in August of 1971 our families went camping Larry and I would drive off the College in the morning while our families enjoyed themselves at the Park – great memory. We taught together with much the same style and philosophy. Larry had very high expectations for students and bent over backwards to help students achieve their goals. Since we had many of the same students we would talk about their accomplishments and how we could find personalized ways of helping them. Larry was extremely well-organized, deeply knowledgeable about molecular biology and motivated many students to pursue advanced study in biomedicine. Beyond his superior teaching and mentoring skills, Larry was, in my view, the most accomplished laboratory scientist I've ever known. Larry sought absolute perfection when carrying out research on his specialized expertise, transfer RNA. Larry and I published a scientific paper together on RNA metabolism and he did all the detailed analysis of the RNA. That scientific discovery would never have happened without his knowledge and skills. We were a good team in the lab. My wife Connie and I knew that Larry was not well and this day would come eventually, but we are truly saddened, but richly rewarded by our relationship with Kline family.

Thomas Bonner - June 24, 2013 at 02:49 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I remember Larry and Wayne from the "Old First Ward" on Hamburg and Perry Streets. The last time I saw him was when he when he went to Valparaiso to play baseball. When ever I saw something pertaining to Valparaiso in the paper or on the TV, I would think of Larry Kline. With my deepest sympathy.

Fred Kurzanki - Lancaster, NY

Fred Kurzanski - June 24, 2013 at 11:24 AM



“ Thank you Larry for being a great mentor and friend when I joined the Dept. of Biological Sciences. Your wise advice helped me to adapt quickly.

Rey A. Sia - June 24, 2013 at 10:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Keith Kline.



June 23, 2013 at 02:55 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Keith Kline.



June 23, 2013 at 06:11 AM