



Keith Leroy Cleland

May 19, 1945 - November 27, 2021

Cleland, Keith L, died November 27, 2021 of Plymouth after a long courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia, at the age 76. Loving husband of Jeannine. Cherished dad of Beth, and dear brother of Bruce (Mary) Cleland. Predeceased by his parents, Jesse and Lilian (nee Joutsi) Cleland.

Keith earned his BS in Art Education from CMU, a Masters in Fine Arts and a Masters in Guidance and Counseling from EMU. Keith taught Art for 32 years at Novi High School. There will be a private "Celebration of Life" at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

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EK

“ I was introduced to Keith over 40 year ago through his wife Jeannine, who I taught with in Dearborn. We were both being art teachers. We had a dear group of friends who would get together to socialize and play Trivial Pursuit. He loved to tease and always made us laugh when he would, so calmly comment, how the women lost to the men. (Keith was the only one who called me M's.) He was a great guy, a loving husband, and wonderful father. He will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know him...
Emily Kluze

Emily Kluze - December 18, 2021 at 11:39 PM

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DA

“ Dave remembers Keith spending hours every year putting up the high school art show in the auditorium. We both remember Keith pulling Beth in the bike trailer around the first loop of the Lake Michigan National Forest Campground. Going on the famous bicycle weekend, TOSROV, in the late 70s, Dave spent Saturday night sleeping on a hard gym floor. Keith slept on a comfortable bed in a motel. We spent lots of terrific times cruising with Keith, Jeannine, Bruce and Mary. Keith seemed to spend most of the time sitting in the hot tub. In Santorini many of us walked up all 554 steps to get to the town of Thera. Keith patiently waited for the cable car. At Thursday Happy Hours Keith often kept us in stitches with his humor – many times Jeannine would be rolling her eyes. What special memories we have of him!

Donna and Dave Armstrong

David D Armstrong - November 30, 2021 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ I have never known life without Keith. I was 3 when he married my sister. So very blessed to have had him as a brother-in-law! Some of my favorite memories include our discussions on home ownership. I will always cherish how good it felt when he would compliment different things relating to my decorating or gardening efforts. His expertise in those areas made his comments so meaningful. I am going to miss you, Keith!

Jackie Beitz - November 29, 2021 at 09:50 PM

PE

“ I will truly miss the good times Bob & I had with Keith.

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