



Lawrence A. Klein

July 27, 1929 - July 1, 2016

Klein, Lawrence A., passed peacefully surrounded by family on July 1, 2016 age 86 of Garden City. Beloved husband of the late Irene. Loving father of Cynthia (Richard) Zielinski, Janice (Lloyd) Geroux, and the late David. Proud grandfather of Steven (Dannielle) Zielinski, and Courtney (the late Bobby) Ketchie, and Great Grandfather of Samuel Ketchie, Lillian Ketchie, Amelia Zielinski, and Ashton Zielinski. Dear brother of the late Harold (Eleanore) Klein, the late Adolph (the late Dorothy) Klein, and the late Wilma (the late Raymond) Cave. Also survived by sister-in-laws Rose (Richard) Duran and Betty Thole and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors; especially Jim and Ruth Duncan, John, Shelly, Nick and Vince Bakerian, and Dick and Nancy Tripp. Visitation Thursday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. In State Friday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at St. Matthew Lutheran Church 5885 N. Venoy, Westland. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-1300
westland@vermeulenfh.com

In state

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
5885 North Venoy
Westland, MI 48185

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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5885 North Venoy
Westland, MI 48185

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence A. Klein*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Childhood visits to the Klein home were always a good time. Uncle Larry made sure my brothers and I had fun things to do to keep us busy. As an adult, the first time I visited with my own son, there was Uncle Larry in the pool with him making sure he was safe and having a good time. That's the way I remember Uncle Larry, he never seemed to change. No matter how long it was between visits he was always the same fit, good looking gentleman with that beautiful hair. Hunting, swimming, golfing, biking - he kept himself so fit I sometimes thought he would live forever. Rest easy Uncle Larry, I'll remember the good times, your stories, and your jokes while I have a little shot of Peppermint Schnapps in your honor (yes, I too had my first shot at his home). My love to my cousins and their families. I know you will miss him. Karen*

Karen (Wood) Aquino - July 11, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ *Marcin P. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence A. Klein.*



Marcin P. - July 07, 2016 at 04:09 PM

BW

“ What a person remembers about another can be strange. I'm 66 and Uncle Larry has been a part of my life since I was born. Now I know rationally, that he was a remarkable man. Quite handsome, a steady husband and he raised some pretty good children. He was a pillar in his church and a good neighbor. But what do I remember? That he didn't get upset on a 4th of July when I threw sparklers in his back yard tree (Which if I see this clearly eventually burned from a very similar incident.) I remember him humoring my fascination with the laundry chute that fed to the basement from the floor above. He patiently explained why I shouldn't try to put my cousin through it and then fed a lot of clothes through as I stood underneath. I remember him taking me on a food run and letting me have a couple of White Castle burgers before we got home with everyone else's. Odd things like the summer his family got stuck with me on a visit and he gave me money, directions, his son's bike and said go buy a pop. There was even enough for a record! Once much later in life I was in town for a convention & called under direct threat from my Mom and he insisted on picking me up, feeding me pizza and dragging his kids over for the evening to be sure it was fun. Guess who gave me my first schnapps and didn't laugh when I couldn't handle it.

Odd things I know, but each of us have many memories of him that we'll always cherish, all very different and more than we can name. None will truly ever sum up who Larry was as a neighbor, friend, father or uncle. He will be missed.

Brian

Brian Wood - July 07, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence A. Klein.*



July 07, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ *Your Ketchie Family.... purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Lawrence A. Klein.*



Your Ketchie Family.... - July 06, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ *Al & Alice Geroux purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Lawrence A. Klein.*



Al & Alice Geroux - July 06, 2016 at 10:43 AM

CF

“ I have known Larry and all the Klein family since my teen years at St. Matthew. Larry was always ready with a smile, a joke and words of encouragement. I started golf for the first time in the early 1990's with the St. Matthew Church golf league. Westland and then Dearborn Hills. He was sooo patient with me and taught me so much. He taught me to use my 7 iron to pitch my ball onto the green, then putt. That about the 5th hole of 9 was known as the "watering' hole with a fortifying shot of schnapps!! Really helped me with the last 4 holes! He used to say, "Who wants goose for dinner?!" when there were Canadian geese on the fairway during a tee shot! I recall teeing off on the second hole par 3 of the back nine @ Dearborn Hills, tee box on a rise, and geese on the fairway. I hit a line drive shot(topped it a bit!), hit a goose square in the neck sending it running for the pond, head down in the water. Larry went over to him and pulled him out...so much for goose for dinner. Loved his stories of his "Peanut" the little dog he adored. Larry was an awesome man and Christian. So honored to have known him and have him be my golf partner until I met my husband. He is greatly loved!!
Connie Knopp Freeman

Connie Knopp Freeman - July 05, 2016 at 07:55 PM

RD

“ Larry was our neighbor for 53 years-our good neighbor! I shared tools(his tools) and Ruth and I enjoyed his venison. On Halloween the shot of ginger brandy we had with him was a family tradition. Larry would always tell you what he thought without mincing words. And that was a good thing! His heroes were Paul the Apostle and Martin Luther. His loves were Irene and his children. Ruth and I will miss our friend.

Ruth and Jim Duncan - July 05, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence A. Klein.*



July 05, 2016 at 01:41 PM