



Larry W. Kughn

June 15, 1943 - January 7, 2013

Larry William Kughn, 69, of Traverse City passed away at Munson Medical Center on January 7, 2013.

He was born on June 15, 1943 in Reed City, MI to Chester and Irene (Belcher) Kughn, who preceded him in death.

Larry is survived by his partner and significant other, Peggy Snowday; his sister, Carol (Jim) Goodroe of Mt. Morris, MI; his brother, David (Linda) Kughn of Jackson, MI; niece, Kellie Goodroe; nephews, Gary (Sharon) Kughn of Grand Blanc, MI, Greg (Karla) Kughn of Horton, MI; one great niece and 3 great nephews, as well as many wonderful friends. Besides his parents, Larry was preceded in death by one nephew, Kevin Goodroe.

Larry graduated from Standish-Sterling High School where he played football. He made his living as part of the legacy left by his father and grandfather working in the oil & gas industry. He was talented and knowledgeable in every aspect of the job from beginning to end. Larry had a passion for racing from a young age and began excelling as a driver of open wheel and sprint cars. He was an avid NASCAR fan, attending or watching a race whenever he could. He was an experienced airplane pilot and an avid marksman, shooting with many friends in Michigan and Florida. Larry loved the outdoors and enjoyed long trips on his motorcycle. He loved to cook and made many memorable meals for family & friends. Larry had the ability and know-how to solve most any mechanical issue and could create, correct, or fix almost anything. Larry was a kind and loving brother, uncle, and friend. His fun-loving nature, quick wit and love of life will be remembered by all those fortunate enough to know him.

According to his wishes cremation has taken place. Private family services have taken place and a time of remembrance will be held at a later date in the summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The family would like to thank the medical staff on the 4th floor at Munson Medical Center for the special care they provided Larry.

Comments



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lindsey Rogers - January 23, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ KELLIE J. GOODROE sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry W. Kughn



KELLIE J. GOODROE - January 22, 2013 at 08:00 PM



“ Jim And Carol Goodroe sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry W. Kughn



Jim and Carol Goodroe - January 22, 2013 at 07:55 PM



“ Larry was a multifaceted person, to say the least. He was a guy's guy, but also intelligent and knowledgeable in many diverse subjects. He always seemed to have a smile and a kind word.

When my father Whitey passed away, Larry put together a beautiful video slideshow that touched everybody, and for that contribution i am forever grateful.

Last year I visited Larry and Peggy at their place in Florida and we talked about a great many things. His opinions were drawn from a wide range of life experiences and i was amazed at how much he knew about so many areas. He was a gracious host with a generous soul, a true original person who will be missed.

Adam Koenig

adam koenig - January 22, 2013 at 03:06 PM



“ We mourn the loss of Larry whom we love as a brother-in-law and family member. We will never forget the wonderful times we spent with Larry and Peggy in Traverse City, Titusville, Jensen Beach, and Cleveland. We shared an admiration for and love of the pet cats we have had in our lives and wild animals we saw together in Florida. We loved the wonderful food he prepared, and shared his love of cooking shows and ethnic restaurants. Although his heart was structurally weak, his will to live was as powerful as anyone we have ever known. Like the cats we admired, he seemed to have at least nine lives. He teased that he had married his nurse when he and Peggy shared their Commitment Ceremony, assuring him several more lives. He was a larger-than-life figure with an extraordinary range of life and work experiences that gave him skills, insights, and wisdom, and a wealth of stories he relished telling. He was a generous host, a charming companion, and a valued friend. We will miss him terribly!

Lynne and Jim Kweder

Lynne M. Kweder - January 18, 2013 at 08:09 AM



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From Peggy - January 17, 2013 at 02:02 PM



“ Thinking of you today, We will always miss you and everything you stood for. Love you Bunches !

Gail Ohlman - January 07, 2015 at 05:22 AM



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From Peggy - January 17, 2013 at 07:42 AM



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From Peggy - January 15, 2013 at 04:00 PM



“ Okay, thanks for letting me know. I'm sure you are feeling numb with bewilderment after all you and Larry have gone through, which is "the way of it", I guess. I hope you get some rest and are able to get yourself to the warmer, sunny south soon and begin to make some recovery from this ordeal.

Larry was a winner in so many, many ways; and he was a charm to be around. I'm sure you know that better than anyone. I was around him across three, perhaps four, Spring through Autumn's doing the shooting games primarily, and it was a great, fun-filled, privilege to have known and shared his company, as well as yours. So because of this I thank you both for having this experience.

If there is some way, even a small way, that I can help you out with some future details you have to deal with, shoot me an email and I'll help as I have the time. Another shooting buddy of Larry's is Tim Wolf(retired), who I'm sure would be willing to help in some way, and Larry's other friends on Cherry Bend as well; we know there are many. So best regards and keep thinking forward to some sunny days once again. sgk.

Stan Kouchernkavich - January 14, 2013 at 06:59 PM



“ Jean Stickler lit a candle in memory of Larry W. Kughn



Jean Stickler - January 14, 2013 at 12:47 PM



“ Gail Ohlman lit a candle in memory of Larry W. Kughn



Gail Ohlman - January 13, 2013 at 09:18 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Larry as an employee of Antrim County. He would come to our office for maps and property information because of his involvement with the oil and gas business. In all of the times through the years he would need our services I had never seen Larry in a bad mood. He always had nice things to say and would do his work and silently leave when done. He was to me a good person and I am sure one that will be very missed by family and friends.

Marilyn Prezkop
Antrim County Retiree

Marilyn Prezkop - January 13, 2013 at 06:43 PM



“ I shared almost eleven years with Larry, in a relationship that just about everyone knows, was not always smooth, but I would do it all over again. He was like no one I had ever known in my life. He had a love for living that transcended any and all things around him because he was diagnosed with a serious and ultimately fatal heart disease in 1999. Above all, he loved his family and always spoke of them with great affection and respect..

He loved racing and the number 3 car, driven by Dale Earnhardt senior. An example of what a devoted fan he was, when Earnhardt died, Larry received a stack of sympathy cards from friends and relatives and he claims this event was life changing. He said that he was now in touch with his own demise and wanted every minute to count. and I had the honor of taking that journey with him. What a great ride it was.

Larry was extremely bright and talented. Although he only had a high school education I would pit him against any mechanic. engineer, architech, builder, plumber, electrician, carver, metal worker etc. Larry could fix ANYTHING.

We traveled in a motor home during this time and saw a good portion of this beautiful country .He was so acutely aware of everthing around him and would point out so much that I would have missed had it not been for his excitement and enthusiasm.

We took a trip on a motorcycle straight north to James Bay. Had anyone told me I would be doing that a few years ago I would have told them they were nuts. We had beautiful weather for almost two weeks and it was nothing short of glorious.

He was also an expert marksman, shooting skeet and clays in competitions, here and in Florida. His shooting buddies really loved him from all the notes I have received.

Larry was also a pilot for many years and has entertained me with heart stopping stories

of all the years of flying. He could drill an oil well from start to finish using his own talents ,that not many in the oil patch could claim. He enjoyed my grandchildren and always treated them with respect and gentleness. They are grieving.

He had a brilliant sense of humor that only those close to him would catch as he spoke softly. Mostly I will miss his warm smile and wonderful sense of humor.

Rest in peace my dearest love. Peggy

Peggy Snowday - January 12, 2013 at 08:53 PM



“ To The Kughn Family;
How lucky we were to have shared friendship with Larry. From office sharing, cruises, neighborhood fireworks, pheasant hunts, deer hunts, golf trips, sporting clay shooting, couples outings, sharing conservative political thoughts, etcetera, we have many happy rememberances. We will now need to seek someone to teach us how to use and set-up T.V.s, computers and the latest electronic gizzmos, not to mention a new Mr. Fix-it. We will truly miss Larry, but will always cherish our memories of him.
Keith and Carolyn Charters

Keith J. Charters - January 11, 2013 at 01:00 PM



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Greg Kughn - January 11, 2013 at 10:36 AM



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Manny Anas - January 11, 2013 at 04:32 AM



“ Larry was a special friend who taught me many lessons about life. We shared similar interests including shooting, and auto racing, just to mention a few. The important thing however was his ability to make the most out of every opportunity and never complain about the bumps in the road.
My memories of Larry will hopefully make me a stronger and better person as was he. He brought a positive perspective to every moment we shared.
Larry, I will miss you, but you will live on in my heart forever.

Manny Anas - January 13, 2013 at 07:59 PM



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Rock Wilson - January 10, 2013 at 10:02 PM



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Virginia Carol Kughn-Goodroe (sister) - January 10, 2013 at 03:36 PM