



Larry Van Keulen

April 1, 1924 - May 8, 2013

Lawrence (Larry) Hubert Van Keulen, age 89, passed peacefully into heaven at home May 8th after a courageous battle with cancer and time.

Born April 1, 1924, second son to Henry & Marie, Larry attended school in Minnesota until enlistment in the US Navy in 1942. He achieved the rank of US Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Machinist and served honorably until his discharge in 1946. He earned a good conduct medal, Asia Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and the WW2 Victory Medal. Larry returned and rejoined the rest of the Van Keulen's in Yakima, WA that same year. He began work as an auto mechanic at Cheshire Motors where he met his business partner and lifelong friend Jack Childress.

Jack and Larry started their own company in Moses Lake called C & V Auto Sales and Service in 1952, which was originally an Edsel Dealer. Jack and Larry eventually acquired the Chrysler franchise and offered a full line of new and used automobiles to Moses Lake and the surrounding communities. The two partners quickly found their special skills with Jack handling sales and management and Larry becoming the wizard of the service side. The two were much more than business partners over the years and owned an airplane together. Our Dads' hobbies included flying (he carried a private and commercial pilot's license), bowling, shooting pool, golf and spending time with his growing family. Larry was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church for sixty years and Moses Lake Golf Club for over 40 years. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Club, Knights of Columbus, VFW, and American

Legion of Moses Lake.

Larry met and married Ramona Kraft in 1952. They had three children Laurie Allen, Melinda Mayer, and John Van Keulen (Janet). A few years after Ramona's passing Larry met and married Donna Sumner in 1973. Donna had three children Tami Davenport (Tom), Tressa Stanton (Duncan) and Scott Sherwood (Stacy). Donna and their six children survived Larry along with 10 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and many extended family and friends. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, all five of his siblings and his first wife.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR COMPASSION AND CARE TO: ER Staff at Samaritan Hospital, ICU staff at Central Washington Hospital, Columbia Crest Care & Rehabilitation Center, Moses Lake Clinic, Dr. Michael Graham, Dr. Sareena Malhi, Margaret Stobaugh, Assured Hospice, Our Lady of Fatima staff & auxiliary, and all of our friends that have supported the Van Keulen family during the past several months.

In lieu of flowers, Larry would appreciate a donation to: The Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1337, Moses Lake, WA 98837, (509) 764-4644 info@columbiabasincancerfoundation.org

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church, Moses Lake will host the celebration of life Friday May 17th. Rosary at 2:00 PM, full mass at 2:30.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)
200 North Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Service

MAY 17. 2:30 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)
200 N. Dale Rd
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Donna and family,
Larry holds a very special place in my heart he smoked the same cigars as my grandfather and he was built similar too. He always had a smile for me and treated me with kindness he will be missed by me. I last saw him at crest view while my mom was in rehab he was an inspiration to all who met him. I will always think of him fondly and I will miss his smile.
Sincerely, Annemarie Hermann##imported-begin##Annemarie Hermann ##imported-end##

September 03, 2013 at 02:41 PM



“ What can we say. What a nice guy we miss you.##imported-begin##Doug N Sidney Edwards##imported-end##

May 23, 2013 at 09:44 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of Larry's passing. He was a fine gentleman with a quick wit and a ready laugh. It was my honor and pleasure to have known him and call him a friend. He was part of the greatest generation and could have been the model representative of that fine group. I'm sorry we missed his service today.

Lew and Sharma McCullough##imported-begin##Lew and Sharma McCullough##imported-end##

May 17, 2013 at 06:47 PM



“ Donna,
I learned of Larry's passing from Aunt Doris when I spoke with her last evening (Thursday). Our condolences to you and your family.

Thinking of You,

*Eric & Megan Myers & Family##imported-begin##Megan Myers
##imported-end##*

May 17, 2013 at 12:26 PM



“ *Have some great memories of Larry. Golf, a few drinks and great service and integrity.##imported-begin##Bob Fancher##imported-end##*

May 16, 2013 at 11:29 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear of Larrys passing. He was a special person from working for him and being a friend to him. My thoughts and prayers go out to each and ever one of you##imported-begin##Jay Sooter##imported-end##*

May 15, 2013 at 09:35 PM



“ *Larry was a good man who I am happy to say was a friend of mine. He will be missed by his family and friends.*

God's speed!

Tim Kenney##imported-begin##Tim Kenney##imported-end##

May 15, 2013 at 07:17 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Launn Schmidt and Pamela Tea##imported-end##

May 15, 2013 at 02:23 PM



“ Donna, John, Melinda, and Laurie - sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I always enjoyed his humor and love of the car business.##imported-begin##Larry & Katie Rigsby##imported-end##

May 14, 2013 at 10:57 PM



“ Dear Donna and family,

Although I never met Larry, I admired him through you. He lived with integrity and honor, as so many from his generation. America is slowly loosing some of our greatest individuals. Please know I'm thinking of you at this difficult time. You, Tami, Tressa and Scott are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always hold you all in the highest regard.

Love, Susie Sherwood Stewart & family##imported-begin##Susie Sherwood Stewart##imported-end##

May 14, 2013 at 01:05 PM



“ To Donna, John and Family. Larry was a great boss and friend. I respected him very much and will miss him. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##John Blackwood##imported-end##

May 13, 2013 at 11:00 PM



“ John and Janet; We are so sorry for your loss however we have to say that we rejoice for the end of pain for your father and an end to the anguish of all you who had to stand at the sidelines helpless to change his situation. We love you and pray that you will allow God to caress you with His love as you face the days to come with your memories past. Rita##imported-begin##Snap and Rita Keene##imported-end##

May 13, 2013 at 06:20 PM



“ To: John Van Keulen
(For Obit. of Larry Van Keulen)

We all send our deepest condolences and prayers for your loss.

Al, Pete and Annie.##imported-begin##Al Lanfeld, Pete Garner & Annie Chen##imported-end##

May 13, 2013 at 06:08 PM



“ Donna, John , Janet & family our thoughts & prayers are with you. Larry was a great guy with a wonderful sense of humor that made everyone around him love him. Take Care & cherish those memories!##imported-begin##Brian & Tami Wilson##imported-end##

May 13, 2013 at 12:18 AM



“ Donna & Family -

Sorry to hear about Uncle Larry's passing. I know he is in good hands with Dad, Marie, and Juliet talking his ear off by now. Will see you Friday, all our love.

Steve, Jean & Nick Karich###imported-begin##Jean Van Keulen Karich###imported-end##

May 12, 2013 at 04:27 PM



“ Hello Donna,

Thinking of you and your family with caring thoughts and sympathy. Richard & Carolyn Pearce###imported-begin##Carolyn & Richard Pearce###imported-end##

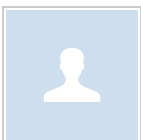
May 11, 2013 at 11:35 PM



“ Donna and family,

My heart goes out to you during this time of loss. I pray God's peace for all of you and send my continued remembrance in prayer. May Larry rest in the arms of Jesus the Divine Mercy.###imported-begin##Joe Haberman###imported-end##

May 10, 2013 at 02:09 PM



“ LVK has been a friend for a long time I am probably the last surviving honorary bartender pallbearer alive I loved Larry dearly. JVK you are in my thoughts. I love you also!###imported-begin##cat reed###imported-end##

May 10, 2013 at 01:06 AM



“ Donna & family... We were saddened to hear of Larry's passing. We will never forget how he always greeted us when we sat behind the both of you at Mass on Sunday's. May you rest knowing that Larry is resting in eternal peace... never to suffer again. Strength, comfort, peace and love to you all...##imported-begin##Luis & Delores Carvalho##imported-end##

May 09, 2013 at 07:42 PM