



Steven Larry Kearns

November 19, 1943 - March 26, 2017

Steven was born and grew up in and around Des Moines, Iowa. He was always very creative and dedicated. He has been in construction practically his whole life. I have always said he was married to his work and I was his mistress. He designed and built a house when he was in high school and then later sold it.

He built a tri story home with a basement in the detached garage before we met. All four of our children were born while living here. Then he remodeled a 4 story barn into our home in Norwalk, Iowa. Next it was a 7 bedroom farm house that he remodeled and then a tri level solar home with an attached greenhouse – both in South Carolina. In Florida, he remodeled a 4 bedroom home, built a Castle, and demoed and remodeled a house on a small lake, where we still live.

We were scuba divers and went on many dive trips, several with the kids. We met a lot of new friends in dive clubs and are still friends with a lot of them. He was a small plane pilot, and owned a couple of airplanes – but not at the same time. We owned many boats, but the most memorable was the pontoon boat that we bought in Iowa. We have used the boat on dive trips, hummer trips, many, many trips to the ocean and Lakes with family and friends. We bought a trike from a friend and we transformed it into a dragon trike, that we have taken on many trips, and bike runs. He was a Hummer and we went on

a lot of canoe trips. We met a lot more friends that are now Family.
He was like a MacGyver but much better. He could improvise anything.

He was an awesome father. We took the kids on many adventures, taught them “please and thank you” , made them do chores. And on Saturdays he would wake them early and they had to do chores before they could go play etc.

The kids grew up, married and had kids of their own. The grand kids have many memories of the castle. Pepa built them a play house that they could climb on etc. also got to go on four-wheeler rides and got to ride a go cart.

He has touched so many lives and left profound impressions. To meet him was to love him. He took people for who they are.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, on Saturday May 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Celebration of Life

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
4545 Anderson Road
Orlando, FL 32812

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Kathie lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Kathie - April 02, 2017 at 11:52 AM

KA

“ *Kathie sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Kathie - April 02, 2017 at 11:52 AM

ME

“ *Me lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Me - April 02, 2017 at 11:43 AM

MA

“ *Marlena sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Marlena - April 02, 2017 at 11:38 AM

RN

“ Rick Naberschnig purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.



Rick Naberschnig - March 31, 2017 at 06:38 PM

DH

“ Whenever you were with Steve and Marlene, you just felt 'at home'. They welcomed you with open arms and an open heart.

My family has had the joy of knowing them from way back to the Iowa days. Memories I will always cherish. From the 'Aqua-nuts' diving days, camping, tubing, to all the parties at their home. Times were always carefree and fun when you were with them.

Steven was a one of a kind type guy...creative, patient, nonjudgmental, great story teller and funny too! We will all miss his laugh, smile, stories and wisdom.

Much love to Marlene and kids.....Dodie Harger and family

Dodie Harger - March 31, 2017 at 08:03 AM

PF

In 2 days it will be 8 years since Steve's passing. I miss both Steve and Marlene. I know they are together watching us do our daily things but life without my dearest friends from the Des Moines days and then our reuniting in Florida are cherished. RIP the both of you.

Patricia Fuqua - March 24, 2025 at 03:20 PM

RF

“ My family would like to send sincere condolences to the Kearns family for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and hope from the Bible promise at Isaiah 25:7. Please, pray constantly, avoid isolation, and lean on God as you cope during this most difficult time.

Richardson Family - March 31, 2017 at 06:37 AM

LA

“ Laura sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Larry Kearns



Laura - March 30, 2017 at 11:32 AM

BW

“ I am happy to have called Steve my friend. We worked on construction jobs together, but that was only a small part of how I knew Steve. He had my respect, he was caring and sharing and was one of the most helpful people I have ever met. We spoke of serious topics and we figured out how to smile and resolve problems. It was my honor to have shared time with Steve, I will treasure it always. A toast to Steve.... To a really good man.
Barbara Walter

Barbara Walter - March 29, 2017 at 10:17 PM

JO

“ I remember 15 years ago when the house next door to me sold,,i thought,,OH NO,,until i met the man and his family that bought it,,i don't think i could have handpicked a better person than Steve,,he has been nothing but a great neighbor and great friend and i am going to miss him dearly,,RIP Steve,,and remember,,,your presence will always be felt,,,c-ya...Jodie

Jodie - March 29, 2017 at 09:05 PM

TA

“ Taxzone purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.



Taxzone - March 29, 2017 at 03:09 PM

SG

“ STEVE & MAGGIE FARLEY alias SPARKY & GOB purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.



STEVE & MAGGIE FARLEY alias SPARKY & GOB - March 29, 2017 at 11:53 AM

KA

“*dad I love and miss you more than words can say . my heart aches everyday , many nights I cry myself to sleep. I'm lost without you , you are my guiding light , my inspiration, my everything. you've always been there for all of us, our family ,friends, neighbors and animals through the hard times, good times , tears n laughter with a smile n helping hand. you are the glue that holds this family together, the strongest and most unselfish man and father I have ever known. so many memories throughout all of our journeys through life , that I will always cherish and hold dear to my heart . you've have made such a great impact on so many lives. you are always with us and in my heart and spirit watching over all of us as we journey through life . I'm truly blessed to have you as my dad, I love n miss you so much dad, .the best of all dads in the world. your daughter kathie*



kathie - March 29, 2017 at 11:45 AM

JD

“*Jodie, Tom, and all of your friends next door purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.*



Jodie, Tom, and all of your friends next door - March 28, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ *May his peace be with you until we meet again, Every breath and every move I take I'll be thinking of you... Love James Wynn aka your (youngest son) A blessing to have known such a noble person.*



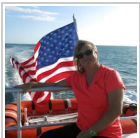
James Wynn - March 28, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ *The memories I have of Steve and Marlene are ones that I treasure. From the parties at the castle to the many wonderful Hummer trips, Steve was always genuinely happy to see the gang and welcoming of anyone that was brought into the fold. A true fix it kind of guy and always enjoyable to talk to about just about anything. I'll miss the skipper!*



Stephen Gordon Clair - March 28, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *Truly, one of the good guys.....I can't have coffee on my porch, or stand in my salon without thinking about him.....my heart goes out to his family and friends....we will miss him....*



Marsha Jones - March 28, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ *Robin McAllister lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Robin McAllister - March 28, 2017 at 08:01 PM



“ *Dennis lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



dennis - March 28, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ *Chris Landers lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*

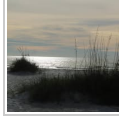


Chris Landers - March 28, 2017 at 06:51 PM



My heart goes out to Marlena and their family. Steve was one of the good guys that this world needs more of and his memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Chris Landers - March 28, 2017 at 06:52 PM



To celebrate Steve's love and admiration of the giant Sequoias of the Redwood National Forest, Len and Drue have made a donation in his honor.

<https://www.nps.gov/redw/getinvolved/donate.htm>

Steve was loving, teaching, patient, smiling, sharing, giving, and caring. His inspirational spirit is forever alive in the memories of time shared with this loving gentle friend.

Ld Lanray - March 29, 2017 at 11:23 AM

JF

“ *Jo, Jerry and the Moskowitz Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.*



Jo, Jerry and the Moskowitz Family - March 28, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ *Ld Lanray lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Ld Lanray - March 28, 2017 at 03:13 PM

LA

“ To my DADDY as I sit down here by your lake I watch the ducks and how the parents watch over their young letting them explore their world but never too far that when one of them is scared, lonely or just need to be by their Mommy or Daddy they are right there and Daddy you were always there you had compassion, love, understanding, a smile and hug and I knew everything was going to ok. You loved your family with all your being never did you put yourself first I will never know anyone as unselfish as you. You touched lives of so many and each one of them loved you and said you were one of a kind. Daddy I love you, I miss you, I wish I could hold you hand, hear I love you, hear one of your jokes, hear your laughter but as I try to understand I know I have to hold your love and these memories in my heart because that is where you are. I am blessed to be your daughter. Rest my sweet DADDY I love you.
Your daughter Laura

Laura - March 28, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.



March 28, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.



March 28, 2017 at 07:04 AM

MH

“ *Mikel & Julie Hall lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Mikel & Julie Hall - March 28, 2017 at 04:30 AM



“ *Velarde Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.*



Velarde Family - March 28, 2017 at 01:52 AM



“ *Matt & Jen Kearns purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.*



Matt & Jen Kearns - March 28, 2017 at 01:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Larry Kearns.*



March 27, 2017 at 10:45 PM

MK

“ *Marlene Knuck lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Marlene Knuck - March 27, 2017 at 07:29 PM

VR

“ *Steve will forever be in my heart as a big brother and friend. His good nature, kind heart and generous life will be missed. Ride safely with Randee my friend. Love you.*

Vicki Reid - March 27, 2017 at 07:23 PM

CA

“ *Pepa... your laugh was infectious and you touched so many lives. I will never forget the love you had for so many. Now you can rest, we miss you but we will be together again in the future.*

CaSara - March 27, 2017 at 06:41 PM

CO

“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of Steven Larry Kearns*



Connie - March 27, 2017 at 06:11 PM

CO

Such fond memories of Steven and Marlene . Our get togethers with our kids when they were small. The Barn Steve made into a beautiful home Homemade kitchen table and all. Even a juke box. He was a great pilot as well. It was a fun memory going up in the plane, Even tho my brother and I wasn't . Use to it. Steve said we could fly the plane . if we wanted , somehow I don't think that would have worked.. I don't think there is anything he couldn't do.Great man devoted to his family. R.i.p You will be fondly missed by many. Connie

Connie - March 27, 2017 at 06:24 PM

MA

“ *My Soulmate I miss you so much already. It does not seem that long ago that we first met and commenced upon the journey of our life together. We have super kids, grand kids, family, and friends. We have had so many adventures together. I Love you Always.*

Marlene - March 27, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



John Heffernan - March 27, 2017 at 04:54 PM