



Daniel Kent Lehenbauer

February 14, 1959 - January 20, 2021

DANIEL "KENT" LEHENBAUER

Kent died on January 20, 2021 barely a month after contracting Covid-19.

Born the youngest of 6 children to Mary Eugenia (Tuley) and A.H. (Johnny) Lehenbauer in Hannibal, Missouri on February 14, 1959. His Valentine birth-date forecast his personality. In 1985 Kent eloped with the love of his life, Cindy Courtney. That elopement became one of the many entertaining stories Kent shared freely and joyfully with friend and stranger. Who has their car towed while being married?

Kent graduated from Palmyra High School, Palmyra, Missouri in 1977. The friends who were with him when he broke his leg jumping from the barn hayloft and had to be driven to the hospital in the local funeral home's hearse, remained friends through-out his life. The hearse ride may have inspired a 7 year career as a funeral director. His fascination with planes led him to a decades long career as a jet mechanic with Merlin Express and then Continental/United. It wasn't only on planes that he plied that trade. Brooke, his daughter, had entered a wheelchair race. Her motor was transformed into a high performance racing dream by Kent. It was so souped up that she could only turn in very fast circles. He was an incredible, loving father.

Kent and his family opened their hearts and homes to many. Great food, laughter and a willingness to adventure were hallmarks of the Lehenbauer home. When the family decided to meet for a few days of bicycling on the Katy Trail, Kent rode the entire route. Last fall, he shared his electric bikes with the young neighbors in the campground. For not only did he enjoy life, he loved helping others enjoy it. His storytelling, wicked, sharp sense of humor, his penchant for practical jokes, his 'we can do this' attitude and "we can do it together" will be sorely missed.

Kent was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Brooke, a brother, John Lewis (Jay) Lehenbauer. Survivors include his wife, Cindy, siblings, Deana Lehenbauer Quinn

(Paul), Nancy Lehenbauer Marshall (Rob), Sue Ann Lehenbauer Fansler (Gary), Jay's wife, Bonita Watters Lehenbauer, and Michael Brent Lehenbauer, Father-in-law, Gale Courtney. Kent's numerous nieces and nephews hold him in a special place. He paid attention and made it clear that he loved them.

A memorial will be planned for family and friends when it is safe to gather.

Memorial contributions can be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

You are invited to leave a written condolence on our website at <http://www.shmfh.com>.

Comments



“ Kent really was a special person and was kind to everyone he met. It was obvious he really loved his family and friends, and he loved tinkering in his shop. My last memory was him showing off those electric bikes to me! We will all miss Kent very much, but will always cherish the great memories.

Scott Baker - January 25 at 10:44 AM



“ 12 files added to the album Memories Album



Hayley Fansler - January 25 at 09:21 AM



“ My heart goes out to my sister Cindy...Kent was a good husband to her and also a good father...with plenty left over for all that knew him with his kindness and smooth attitude towards any situation. I remember many years ago when Kent and Cindy came for a visit and my husband Jerry and I took them to a friend's bbq Texas style. Ramon...a friend of ours repeated to us a few days later that he enjoyed the conversation that Kent and he had. Kent had told him the next time that he and Cindy came down...he would bring some fresh ribs for him that they always had plenty if he would like. I started laughing so hard...and I smile still today..the look on poor Ramon's face as I related to him what profession Kent was in...a morticianlol.....yep Kent will be missed ...but he still leaves smiles

Teri Courtney Walker - January 24 at 10:17 PM



“ I am so very sorry. Kent was much too young to leave us and to deny all his family of his humor and stories and life. Sincerely Judy Paley

judy paley - January 24 at 05:51 PM



“ What an absolute beautiful and loving tribute (obituary). He sounds like he was a loving, entertaining, fun, adventurous man. I know he will be missed by many.

Margie Shirley - January 24 at 09:06 AM



“ I will never forget the day, 20 January 2021. One of the saddest days of my life for a couple of reasons. The passing of this fella being one. It was funny how we became such fast friends even with 11 year age difference back in the 80's during my Texas days. We grew apart over the last 30 years due to my expat lifestyle, but I'd like to think we remained good friends even with the distance. Kent was like a brother to me and he will be sorely missed. RIP buddy!

Jim Lehenbauer

James Lehenbauer - January 23 at 08:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Daniel Kent Lehenbauer.



January 23 at 08:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Kent Lehenbauer.



January 23 at 04:59 PM



“ One of the sweetest men I have ever met. A perpetual smile that lit up the whole room. He so loved life, fun and family. Never met a stranger. He and Cindy brought so much to our neighborhood. Never went by without a huge smile and chat with everyone. I and all his neighbors will miss him dearly. Rest peace sweet soul

Maggi Carson - January 23 at 12:27 PM



“ What a wonderful person that will be truly missed. Kent's laughter was contagious and it was obvious what a love for life he had. Go fly high with Brooke!

tanya - January 23 at 11:27 AM



“ Kent was a loving and giving human being. Losing him to Covid-19 is heartbreaking and, I hope, a lesson to others to not take this virus lightly. I will miss Kent being in the world for the rest of my life.

Nancy - January 23 at 11:07 AM



“ To my precious sweet brother, you will be so missed! but never ever forgotten... your sis, Sue

Sue Fansler - January 23 at 10:51 AM