



S. Kraig Lea

June 20, 1956 - November 30, 2010

S. Kraig Lea Born June 20, 1956 in Joplin Missouri to Stanley E. and Ruth L. Lea, passed away peacefully in his sleep, after a lengthy illness, on November 20, 2010 in Willis, Texas. He is survived by his devoted wife and best friend, Lisa. Another love of his life, his labrador retriever, Max. Step-son Chris Singeltary, wife Lettie, grandsons Asa Daniel & Samuel Kraig of Middleborne West Virginia, step-son Brian Singeltary, wife Tamara, granddaughters Kaylee Dean, Morgan Elizabeth & Addison Grace of Montgomery, Texas. Mother & Father Stanley E. Lea and Ruth L. Lea of Huntsville, Texas Mother-in-law, Liz Soos of Tomball, Texas Sister Kristy Christensen, husband John, nieces Rachel & Audrey of League City Texas, Brother, Kelly B. Lea, wife Laura, nieces Kelsey & Karley of Tyler, Texas. Brother-in-law, Joe Soos III, wife Linda. Numerous nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. Uncle, Walton Andrews, Aunts Ardy Lowe & Madena Lowe. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Everette & Edna Lea, Jack & Pearl Lowe, , Father-in-law Joe Soos Jr., Uncles Bud & Bill Lowe and Aunts Bobbie Lowe Andrews & Jane Patterson. Kraig graduated from Huntsville High School in 1974 and attended Sam Houston State University. He received his Real Estate License in 1980. Kraig worked for Mitchell Enterprises in the Woodlands and later in Galveston, where he worked in Pirates Beach and Indian Beach. In 2001 Kraig purchased Re/Max Galveston. In 1993 Kraig & Lisa moved to Cuatro Tocinos Ranch on the west end of Galveston Island. Kraig spent the happiest times of his life managing this ranch. It was his sanctuary, his garden of Eden

and he put his heart and soul into making it the most beautiful park he could for the wonderful owners, Tom & Laura, who also gave back to us. In September 2008, Hurricane Ike devastated the ranch and also Kraig's business. For the last 18 months he continued to work in real estate for Gaye Fundling, a dear friend, at Galveston Island Real Estate. He held her in the highest regard and felt privileged to work with and for her and she felt the same for him. Kraig loved working in real estate, he touched the lives of everyone he met and he never met a stranger. Every client became a friend. One of his clients he sold a beachfront home to sent the following email, "Our Kraig was not just a friend but a master guide to us in our island adventure. We will always honor his memory as the great times we spent together. We will always keep intact the countless times he demonstrated his kindness loyalty, and his laughs." This is the way we will remember Kraig. He had an incredible zest for life and his amazing personality made everyone feel special and smile. "Every man dies. Not every man really lives.": William Wallace. We will always love you, Kraig, and we will miss you, but we know you are in God's hands and no longer in pain and for this we are grateful. The celebration of his life will be November 30th, 2010 at 2:00 PM at The Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas with burial to follow at the Mayes addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville. There will be a reception following the graveside service at Holiday Inn Express in Huntsville, Texas. Family will receive friends November 29, 2010 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers are Chris Singeltary, Brian Singeltary, Kelly Lea, John Christensen, Stacy Soos, Rob Andrews, Jeff Andrews and Bob Migliore. In lieu of flowers, friends may make a donation to a charity of their choice or to Galveston Island Humane Society, 6814 Broadway, Galveston, Texas 77554 or Hospice Care of the Southwest, 2040 Northloop 336 West, Ste. 324, Conroe, Texas 77304. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Listening to the Marshall Tucker Band and remembering all the years we dated. He has a large spot in my heart and always will. So hard to believe he has been gone this long....Grateful to have known him..*

Judy

Judy Johnson Asa - March 05 at 03:04 PM



“ *S. Kraig Lea*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

BR

“ *I'll always be thankful for having known Kraig. I once made a sign for his beach house on Galveston Island at Pirates' Beach. The engraved sign read :*

Kraig's Kondo. I'm sure he liked it a lot.

Bob Renaud - August 23, 2017 at 05:52 PM

SP

“ *We had great times as next door neighbors on Pleasant Street playing softball, kick ball, and waiting for the school bus. I am sorry that I heard about this too late to be there. My thoughts and prayers are with you all...xoxo*

Sharla Nance Papitto - January 03, 2011 at 02:21 PM

JD

“ Lisa, I'm so sorry you've suffered this loss. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers, as are all those who share your grief.

In this small world we live in I just learned from a friend of mine, who it turns out was a former classmate of Kraig's, what a joyful person he was to know.

Take good care of yourself.

Jan Parker Dial

Jan Dial - December 02, 2010 at 01:19 PM

CF

“ I was just devastated this morning to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Kraig was such a good friend through many years. He definitely lived life to the fullest, always full of stories and laughter. When my son was little he told everyone he went & patrolled the West end of the beach w/the sheriff of Galveston--yes Kraig told him he was the sheriff. Many years later, Lisa would take that same child & his girlfriend for a tour of "Eden", so many memories, too small a space....May God be with you all now and always. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Cindy (Lowrey) Fairchild - December 01, 2010 at 08:08 PM

GM

“ Dear Lea Family,
You continue to be in my prayers. Kelly and Laura a special hug to you! May you all feel God's embrace and know that He is with you always. May your days be filled with happy memories of Kraig--his laughter, his smile and his love for life.

In Christian Love,

Ginny Garcia Mayes

Ginny Mayes - December 01, 2010 at 10:54 AM

DM

“ Lisa,
Just want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We miss seeing Max take his daily walks in Pirates Beach. God Bless you and take care.
Sincerely,
Clare and Dan Massey

Dan and Clare Massey - November 30, 2010 at 11:07 PM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of sorrow.

Kathy Smith Catlin - November 30, 2010 at 07:08 PM

JD

“ I'm saddened for Kraig's family because through the years of working with him, it was obvious that his family came first and he so enjoyed having them around. He made great friends of his real estate clients - they loved him and his fun loving personality. It's so difficult to come to the realization that he has moved on at such a young age. Lisa, you were his rock. My prayers are with you and the rest of his family.
Love,
Joanna

Joanna Devine - November 30, 2010 at 04:26 PM

MD

“ Very sorry to hear of Kraig's passing. My sympathies to Lisa and all of the Lea's. I worked for Kraig at the Re/Max office up until the hurricane. He was such a wonderful person and a great boss. He was very good to me. He was a wellspring of information when it came to the West End. Anything you needed to know he knew. He will be greatly missed.

Michelle Driver - November 30, 2010 at 04:02 PM

SC

“ I truly appreciate having known Kraig and I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to Lisa and the Lea's. The west end of the island won't be the same without him. sc

Stephen Christensen - November 30, 2010 at 02:20 PM

JB

“ I was so sorry to learn of Kraig's passing. I remember seeing him here in Huntsville earlier this year. Craig seemed to great spirits and in better health than I had seen him in some time. My deepest sympathy to the family- Lisa, Mr. & Mrs. Lea, Kristy and Kelly- upon your loss. Joe Boaz HHS Class of 1972

Joe C Boaz - November 30, 2010 at 12:09 PM

MK

“ Even though I had not actually talked to Kraig for what seems like eons, I got great joy in passing by him at class reunions--trying to dodge his ever-present heckling. The mood always seemed more upbeat knowing Kraig was in the room. Reflecting now, the world has lost a certain radiance absent Kraig's humor and shenigans.

As I think of the energy it must have taken Kraig to always keep Miss Hudley's English class--and the world at large--constantly in stitches, I am saddened to envision Kraig suffering so much pain during his final days. However, at the same time I rejoice that he was so loved and cherished to the end.

I thank Kraig's loved ones who gave purpose to his life after we graduated Huntsville High School. Also, I extend condolences to the Lea Family, thanking them for molding Kraig to be a forever-treasured member of the Class of 1974!

Margaret Leigh Kizzee - November 30, 2010 at 11:21 AM

SL

“ *The Lea and Lowe families have lost a wonderful and unique member of the family. It is very sad. Your memory will be cherished.
Sammy Lowe..Cousin*

Sammy Lowe - November 30, 2010 at 08:04 AM

BT

“ *Lisa and family,
We are deeply sorry for your loss. Kraig was such a compassionate person. From the many times I needed advise to even helping me out when I just started my career in the elevator trade. He will be missed. He was a great cook,friend,and story teller. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you rest in peace Kraig.*

Brandon & Alison Thompson - November 29, 2010 at 07:26 PM

JW

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of Kraig he was a dear friend from the old days. My sympathy goes out to thoes who knew and loved him. He was a good friend to me and will always be remembered well.*

jeff warren - November 29, 2010 at 06:38 PM

BG

“ *Very sorry for your loss. I knew Kraig through his brother Kelly. I loved it when Kraig joined us at events or get togethers. He was such a sweet, fun and passionate person. God Bless!*

Bill Goeke - November 29, 2010 at 05:26 PM

JC

“ I received the news of Kraig's passing a few minutes ago and immediately thought of all the good times we had together. I'm so glad I got to know him and count him as a friend. He made growing up in Huntsville, fun. Even though it's been over 30 years since we saw each other, I will always treasure our friendship. Namaste, my friend, peace be with you.

Jennie Sigler Curran - November 29, 2010 at 04:20 PM

LD

“ I am so sorry to about Kraig, such a loss. Kraig was a wonderful person and he will be missed....

Lesley Davis - November 29, 2010 at 02:19 PM

DP

“ It is so sad to hear that Kraig passed away. He was always so full of life, cutting up back in high school, making us laugh so much. We had some good times on Bus #19 on the way home from school - those were the days. Your loss is felt by all who were fortunate to know him. David Peden HHS Class of 1972

David Peden - November 29, 2010 at 11:51 AM

BR

“ Heartfelt condolences for the family. Kraig was a great guy and I am sure he will be missed.

Brian Rhames - November 29, 2010 at 11:36 AM

ML

“ To all of the Leas,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you always and we wish we could be with you today.

We will never forget his very infectious smile and always funny take on all things in life. Of all the cousins, Kraig was the one you knew who would always have a comment to lighten the day (or to keep you in your place if he saw fit.

He loved to smile and laugh.

Love and prayers,

Mike, Joy, Sarah and Tony Lowe

Mike Lowe - November 29, 2010 at 11:26 AM

LF

“ *I graduated with Kraig from high school. He was a fun loving person who was a freind to everyone. Gone way to young. Heaven bound.*

Lynn Manning Fl;ynn - November 29, 2010 at 10:47 AM

JA

“ *Kraig was such a special person, the twinkle in his eyes, his laugh and his zest for life made every moment shared with him a memorable one. It ia hard to believe that he is no longer with us. Lisa, Ruth, Stanley, Kristy and Kelly, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Asa Family*

Judy (Johnson) Asa - November 28, 2010 at 08:02 PM

LC

“ *Condolences to the Lea family. So sorry to hear of your loss.*

Liz Moore Christian - November 28, 2010 at 07:14 PM

MS

“ *Lisa, mere words cannot match the magnitude of your loss. Kraig was a wonderful man and will be missed by all who knew him and who's lives he touched. We are all blessed to have known Kraig, and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Mary Soos - November 28, 2010 at 07:08 PM

CE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kraig's family and his (and mine) BESTES bud LISA--there are so many memories I have of Kraig-from the first time I met him at a galveston beach house us girls were staying at to the last time I saw him at his house in Willis this past April-all of them still make me burst out laughing. Lisa, Kraig and I would ALWAYS have the best time -if it was just sitting on the deck laughing and talking; riding the go cart along the beach; or just spending the day while Kraig would drive me and Lisa around Galveston and sharing in the special moments only true friends can. Kraig always wanted to share special memories with me-especially the sunrise (smile LISA) He loved to make sure you were a satisfied guest in every sense-either cooking shrimp 10 different ways or making sure you were comfortable in every way. I will miss you my longtime friend--REST IN PEACE WITH NO MORE SUFFERING ---your pal "BLACK BETTY!"*

CAROL ENGEL - November 28, 2010 at 06:43 PM

KH

“ *I am sadden to hear of the passing of Kraig. My prayers go out to his family at this difficult time.*

Kirsten Sorenson Hawkes - November 28, 2010 at 10:22 AM

MH

“ To the Lea family: You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Martha Snodgrass Hutchinson

Martha Snodgrass Hutchinson - November 28, 2010 at 08:00 AM

DP

“ May God wrap His loving arms around you during this difficult time and always. My prayers are with the famiy and friends. Kraig's personality and friendliness will be with me always. Donna Sue Robinson Paschall Class of '74

Donna Robinson Paschall - November 27, 2010 at 09:02 PM

AF

“ Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers
Love, Ardy Lowe & family

Ardy Lowe & family - November 26, 2010 at 08:14 PM

PK

“ Dear Stanley, Ruth, Kristy, Kelly and family,
I was very saddened to hear about Kraig. I have so many wonderful memories I will cherish always. Kraig's laughter, smile, wit and good-humor will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time.
Paula

Paula Jordan Kelm - November 24, 2010 at 11:59 AM

TS

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Kraig. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you (Ruth, Stanley, Kelly, and Kristy). May time heal our broken hearts and leave us with our wonderful memories of Kraig to cherish forever....

Terri Parker Spruiell - November 23, 2010 at 10:02 PM

DC

“ Dear Ruth, Stanley, Lisa, Kelly, Kristy and families, We have you all in our thoughts and prayers and hope that knowing how many people care can help with your pain. Kraig will not be forgotten.

Love, Don, Clara, Amy & Matthew

Don & Clara Colvin - November 23, 2010 at 09:35 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry to learn of Kraig's passing. He was always so much fun to be around and he was a friend to everyone. My prayers go to the family and may you find comfort in all his memories. Sue Sprott Class of 1974

Sue Sprott - November 23, 2010 at 07:20 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry to learn of Kraig's passing. He was always so much fun to be around and he was a friend to everyone. My prayers go to the family and may you find comfort in all his memories. Sue Sprott Class of 1974

Sue Sprott - November 23, 2010 at 07:18 PM

BG

“ We were so shocked and sorry to learn of Kraig's passing. The old neighborhood was always exciting with Kraig around. He was so vibrant and just plain fun to be around. He will missed by all whose lives he has touched. May your family, faith, friends and fond memories get you through these difficult days!

Barry & Mary Lynn Golden - November 23, 2010 at 05:49 PM

SE

“ Dear Lea Family-Very saddened to hear of your loss-Such great memories of Kraig- From grade school to our Senior Prom together, Kraig always made me laugh as he was so bright,witty,and fun with such a zest for life.
My thoughts and prayers are w/you-

Susan Eastman - November 23, 2010 at 04:46 PM

RK

“ Dear Lea Family,
I am very sorry to learn about Kraig as we went to school and church together from third grade on in Huntsville class of '74. He was a great guy and we are all blessed with his memory. Prayers and blessings on you now, Robin King

Robin King - November 23, 2010 at 01:35 PM

AD

“ I am very sorry to hear that we lost a good classmate.Prayers to his family at this sad time

al dupree - November 23, 2010 at 09:35 AM

RY

“ *Condolences to the Lea Family, and to the friends and former classmates.*

Robert Yates - November 23, 2010 at 08:40 AM

CW

“ *To the Lea family: You are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all in this difficult time. Rest in peace my friend. Cheryl "Mac" Class of 73'*

Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - November 22, 2010 at 10:12 PM

JE

“ *I am very sorry to hear about your loss.
My thoughts and prayers are with the Lea family.*

Jon

Jnn Eastman - November 22, 2010 at 09:26 PM

DG

“ *I went to high school with Kraig, class of 1974. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. He was so much fun to hang out with and was always ready to share a good laugh. My prayers go to the family and may you find comfort in all his memories.*

Dixie Gray - November 22, 2010 at 06:25 PM

DF

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Kraig! He is the reason that my freshman year at Huntsville High School was so much fun! He was a great friend and a great boyfriend! He would come and pick me up and then we would go and get David Kildorf! I guess we dated him too! The three of us always had a blast! I will always love my memories of those day's! I am so sorry to the family for your loss!

Denise Faulkner - November 22, 2010 at 05:46 PM

KJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I went to High School with Kraig and was in several classes with him. He was a wonderful person and I have many memories of him...especially in Mr. Thompson's history class. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karen Cook Jackson - November 22, 2010 at 05:35 PM

KM

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about Kraig. Although I hadn't seen Kraig in many years, he was a true friend and buddy back in the day. My sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to Kraig's family during this tough time. Kevin McCormick, Class of 1974

Kevin McCormick - November 22, 2010 at 04:47 PM

GL

“ Am extremely sorry to hear this. Kraig was a very fine person. We grew up in the same neighborhood in Huntsville. We will pray for his very fine family.

Gus Lanier - November 22, 2010 at 03:59 PM

SS

“ *I was a classmate of Kraig's for a long time and it saddens me deeply to hear that he has passed away. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers for many days to come.*

Shannon Skains Sims

Class of 1974

Shannon Skains Sims - November 22, 2010 at 11:22 AM