



Dean A. Kleino

April 29, 1938 - July 26, 2020

Dean Albert Kleino

Dean Albert was born on April 29, 1938 in Pontiac, Michigan. He was the first child of Cecil (Buck) Kleino and Albert Kleino. Dean had one sister, Christine, who was born 4 years after him. He was raised in Pontiac and attended Pontiac High School, graduating in 1956. Dean's first job was a paper route in his neighborhood. When he could finally drive he tinkered with and enjoyed working on all kinds of cars. His pride and joy would become a 1956 green Chevy.

After Dean graduated he worked as a Mail Room Clerk at General Motors in Pontiac. His managers asked if he would like to take classes from a company called IBM and learn to program computers. He would work his entire career at GM, retiring in 1995 as a Systems Analyst.

In 1957, at a "Sock Hop" in a Catholic School gymnasium, Dean would spy the love of his life, Barbara Kucera. Barbara Jean and Dean Albert married in October 1960. They began their family shortly thereafter, welcoming their first daughter, Angela, in January 1962. Thomas Dean, their only son, was born in 1963 and their youngest daughter, Linda, followed in 1965. They raised their children in a home on Oliver Street in Pontiac until they moved to Shelby Township, Michigan in 1972 so their children could attend St. Lawrence Catholic School in Utica.

Barb and Dean, as they were lovingly referred to by all, were very involved at St. Lawrence School and in the CYO Athletics at the school. Their children all played Basketball, Volleyball and Softball/Baseball at the school. They made a very large group of loving friends, who continued to be their friends until their deaths.

Dean especially enjoyed volunteering his time at the CYO Pancake Breakfasts, flipping pancakes with his good buddies, Ray, Ronnie, and Jungle Jim, in addition to many others!!

Dean was a man of a beautiful, heartfelt faith in God. He converted to Catholicism to marry Barbara and then lived that spiritual life to the fullest. He attended church every Sunday and raised his children to do the same. After his love, Barbara, died in 2017, he still attended every Saturday night, most times with his good buddy Ray. After the Covid crisis came to bear, he attended church every morning in his living room, watching the mass that was televised from St. Patrick's in NY. He also prayed the rosary after these masses.

Barb and Dean were wonderful parents and grandparents. They were loving and kind. They would do anything for their children and grandchildren. They were always, "there" as the saying goes, in body and spirit. Space does not allow for all the good times and many memories they have bestowed on their family.

After Barbara passed, his family got the opportunity to know Dean as an individual and he became a new and integral part of their lives. He became a farmer, on his daughter Linda's farm in Colorado; he became his son Tom's dinner companion and best friend again, and he became a Lions fan at the weekly football party at his daughter, Angie's. His grandchildren got to know him personally as a special part of their lives.

He also rekindled special friendships with his cousin, his sister and his sister in law.

Dean will be so missed by each of his family members and friends. He touched so many lives and was friendly and curious to his last day. We are absolutely blessed to have had this man in our lives.

Beloved husband of the late Barbara.

Loving father of Angela (Bret) McConachie, Thomas Kleino, and Linda (John Whiteman) Reinhardt.

Proud grandfather of 7 grandchildren. Dear brother of Christine Robertson.

Due to COVID-19, and in accordance with CDC recommendations and the Governor's Executive Orders, please be advised that the funeral home is limited to 10 people in the visitation/service room at any given time. Also, masks are required to enter the building. Visitation at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke)

Utica Thursday, July 30 from 3-8pm. Funeral Mass on Friday, July 31 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church 44633 Utica Road, Utica 10:00 am

Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery Troy, Michigan

Family request donations to Capuchins 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI, 48207

www.thecapuchins.org

Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery

Events

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery JUL

621 W. Long Lake Road

Troy, MI, 48098

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Visitation

03:00PM - 08:00PM

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road, Utica, MI, US, 48317

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Funeral Mass

10:00AM

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road, Utica, MI, US, 48317

Comments



“ Sorry for your loss Angie, Tom and Linda and your families. I remember golfing with Dean, at the crack of dawn, on Sunday mornings with my Dad at the old Rochester Golf club. Always had a great time.

Bless you all
Jim Kraemer

James C Kraemer - August 02 at 07:28 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Kleino! I have such great memories of our St. Lawrence days, playing sports with Linda and car pooling to basketball practice. He was such a kind, witty, man with a great sense of humor. Sending condolences and prayers to Linda, Angie and Tom. Cherish the wonderful memories of your Dad!

Mary (Kraemer) Anschuetz

Mary Anschuetz - July 30 at 09:49 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



ann kucera - July 30 at 06:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dean A. Kleino.



July 30 at 02:30 PM



“ Deepest sympathies to the family. We spent many years with Dean and Barb at Summerchase in Orange Beach. Many fond memories. RIP Dean . Bob and Marge Kelley

Margaret Kelley - July 30 at 09:37 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. I will always remember him golfing with my dad at 6 am on Sunday mornings with my dad (and a few times that I was fortunate to be invited). He was so kind and such a friendly man. Rest In Peace!

Gerry Kraemer - July 30 at 08:44 AM



“ Memories to Treasure was purchased for the family of Dean A. Kleino.



July 29 at 05:44 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Dean1



abmac01 - July 29 at 12:27 PM



“ IDAHO RED AND THE GREEN BEAN

We were cruising down Woodward: Dean, Jackie, and I. Dean was recalling his younger days, driving down Woodward in his hot car, his arm around Barb, enjoying the sunny day.

“That’s what we did: drive up and down Woodward in our cars.”

Out of left field, I asked, “Did you have a nickname?”

“Well, I had several! But the one that stuck was ‘Idaho Red.’”

“Idaho Red?”

“Yeah, a friend had grown up growing potatoes in Idaho, and I had red hair, and, well ...”

“What about your car?”

“Well, I was thinking of painting a name on it, something like ‘Green Flash’ (it was green). But my buddies called it, ‘The Green Bean,’ and that stuck.”

He had a wistful smile, thinking back through the years, remembering the sunshine on his face and his arm around his Barb.

Dean was simply one of the good guys: a thoughtful, caring, positive guy. Jackie and I enjoyed being with him, and I particularly enjoyed talking with him at family gatherings, when he and I would find ourselves somewhat on the edges of the central activities, observing more than participating, and perfectly content: the two white-haired old guys sharing stories and laughs over a beer.

With Dean’s passing, I realize that my grief is for those of us still living: we’ve lost a source of positive energy from our lives, and we’re poorer for it. Following Dean’s strong religious beliefs, he’s reunited with his Barb, and his memory will live on in all of us who were fortunate to have known him.

Rest in peace, Idaho Red.

Dave Hafner
Jackie McConachie

David Hafner - July 29 at 11:51 AM



“ We have lost another beloved family member and friend. Dean was a very caring, interesting person who will be forever in our hearts. Jerry remembers how the neighbors on Oliver street would be upset when Dean drove his performance chevy- to pick up Barb causing TVs to static and very loud noise. That hooligan, oh my. Our love and prayers to all his family. Uncle Jerry and Aunt Judy

Judy Kucera - July 29 at 09:30 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. It's very hard losing your dad. He is with your mom and I am sure they are happy to be together again. May he Rest In Peace

Doris Thomas - July 28 at 04:19 PM



“ I willy miss my good friend and buddy for the last 50 years. A great guy and a good buddy. See you down the road my good friend.
Ray

Ray LaPratt - July 28 at 01:31 PM