



Leslie Harry Kool

September 9, 1944 - December 13, 2016

Leslie Harry Kool passed to the arms of his Savior on December 12, 2016. He was 72 years old.

Les was born to Paula (Drobot) and Harry Kulchesky. When he was three, his father changed their last name to Kool. Les grew up in Hamtramck, Michigan surrounded by the Ukrainian culture which he treasured throughout his life.

Thanks to a few stalks of rhubarb in a back pocket, Les got to know Katie Dew, who he married in 1967. Together they had two daughters, Meg and Karen.

Les served in the Air Force for 23 years and received his Ph.D from Temple University. He taught economics at the Air Force Academy and at Judson University. He loved engaging in deep discussions and particularly enjoyed regaling people with stories of his familial homeland, Ukraine, which he was able to visit on five occasions.

He was a friendly, extroverted man who loved his family. A close family friend recently said that though Les lost 21 years to dementia, the kindness he displayed during his life prior to the disease more than made up for the years that were lost.

Les is survived by his wife, Katie and his two daughters: Meg (Rob) Dunn and Karen (Eric) Bode and 5 grandchildren: Nathan, Anna, Naomi, Andrew and Sadie.

A small private service is planned for family. In lieu of sending flowers, please consider a donation to Compassion International, which Les supported for many decades (compassion.com/ways-todonate.htm)

Comments



“ Katie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of your loss. We know that it is a blessing that he is at peace with our Lord, but it remains difficult to separate from our loved ones. Please accept our deepest sympathies.
Doug and Jan Frost

Doug Frost - December 19, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Leslie Harry Kool



Chrissy - December 15, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ Katie, Karen, Eric and the rest of the family, you have all been on a long, hard journey that has now changed its course to grief. You're a great testimony to strong family love and you're an inspiration to those of us who struggle with similar issues in our families. May the Lord keep and richly bless you.
Steve and Miriam Schoenig

Miriam Schoenig - December 14, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ As a family we were blessed that Les was my father's room mate at Good Samaritan. So sorry for your loss Katie. What a wonderful wife you have been. -Michael Gates

Michael Gates - December 14, 2016 at 06:14 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the Kool Family. Les sat beside me in church every Sunday morning. Rest in peace Les. He will be missed.



Schanna Preuit - December 13, 2016 at 07:48 PM