



## Kenneth Allen Larson

April 24, 2016

On Sunday, April 24, 2016, Dr. Kenneth Larson, age 80 left this earth to be with our Lord. He died peacefully in his sleep in Fort Collins, Colorado, surrounded by his family. Kenneth Alan Larson was born July 6, 1935 in Havre, Montana.

Ken grew up in Stanford, Montana, working on ranches and learning to become a cowboy. He graduated High School in 1953, and then went on to study at Washington State University, where he graduated in 1961 with a degree in Veterinary Medicine.

Ken married Eileen Baker December 30, 1961 at the Cathedral in Helena Montana; they were married for 54 years.

They moved back to Stanford, Montana where he started a large animal veterinary practice. He sold his practice and returned to Washington State University where he received a PhD in Veterinary Microbiology in 1966.

After graduation they moved to Fort Collins, Colorado where he accepted a position teaching Veterinary Microbiology at CSU.

Being a true entrepreneur, he started Elars Bioresearch Laboratories in 1975. He eventually sold Elars and started another business called Vetline. His hard

work paid off and Vetline became a successful family business that is still run by his sons. Ken worked there until his retirement 3 years ago.

Ken loved the history of the West and was an avid reader. His love of the west stayed with him his whole life and he remained a cowboy at heart. He returned to Montana every year to visit family and friends. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fort Collins for 50 years.

Ken is survived by his wife, Eileen; his daughter, Teresa, (Troy Contestable); sons, Joe Larson, (Lori Larson) and Tom Larson; brother, Robert Larson; grandchildren, Katie & Jack and Tommy & Lily.

He is preceded in death by his son, Daniel Larson.

A Funeral Mass is planned for Thursday, April 28, 2:00 pm, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers any contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic School.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Allen Larson*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dear Eileen, Thersa, Joe and Tom.*

*I just learned of the passing of your father. I send my deepest sympathy to all of you. Your dad was so proud of all of you, and he was one of the most encouraging and helpful people in my teaching career and personal life also. I learned a lot from him. When I get home I would love to see you Eileen and you "kids" too. I think about all of you so often (and Danny). Keeping you all in my prayers for God to hold you close in His arms of love as you grieve. Love Alene Patterson*

**Alene** - May 02, 2016 at 07:22 AM



“ *Andrew Pink lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Allen Larson*



**andrew pink** - April 30, 2016 at 02:43 PM

CW

“ I just heard the sad news of Dr. Larson's passing from Mom and Dad. I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I'm sure there is a great emptiness left by his passing, but I am certain that the strength of the love you and your family share for each other and for Dr. Larson will get you through this time. May that love honor his memory.

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1-Peter 5:7

John Wissing and Christy Hivner Wissing

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**christy hivner wissing** - April 29, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear about the sad loss of Dr. Larson. He was a longtime friend of my Mom and Dad and they always spoke highly of him. I will always remember seeing him there for all those years at St. Joes. St. Joes, Fort Collins and the Veterinary Medicine community have lost a truly a good man and you have lost someone so dear and close to you. I'm very sorry for you. --Greg Redder

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**Greg Redder** - April 28, 2016 at 02:42 AM

DH

“ I am sorry to have lost one of my best friends. I am so so sorry Eileen and family for your heart breaking loss. Doug, Lloyd and I will miss our frequent lunch times with Ken at the El Burrito. God bless his soul. Dick Hecker

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**Dick Hecker** - April 26, 2016 at 09:51 PM

GN

“ Always enjoyed our stops at Vetline to visit with Ken, our condolences to the family.

Gordon and Reba Neumann

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**Gordon Neumann** - April 26, 2016 at 02:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Allen Larson.



April 26, 2016 at 01:33 PM



“ I first met Dr. Larson at Vetlines; my Rottweiler, Angel needed shots . We had been asked by our previous vet to find someone else to attend to Angle, as he could not handle Angel; she had anger issues. I'm in Dr. Larson exam room with Angel waiting. in comes Dr Larson, a big quiet man , he shakes my hand and at the same time reaches down without making eye contact with Angel and gives her a treat . Angel was now his best friend from that point on, all other vets used a muzzle and sedated her. D.r Larson was a true animal person and a gentleman. He will be missed! May you rest in peace.

David Bombard - April 26, 2016 at 12:08 PM



“ Julie lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Allen Larson



Julie - April 26, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Ken. We remember your early years at Stanford. Jerry and Sue Evans

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CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Allen Larson*



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**Chrissy** - April 25, 2016 at 01:44 PM

LA

*Dee and Lyle Aspegren lit a candle in memory of Ken Larson*

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**lyle aspegren** - April 26, 2016 at 03:39 PM

ES

*So sorry to hear of the passing of Ken, I was in the same graduation class of 1953 in Stanford. Enjoyed the visits with him when he came to Stanford & our little class reunions. All my sympathy to all his family. R.I.P.Ken....Eulah Johnson Stout*

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**Eulah Stout** - April 27, 2016 at 01:02 PM

RB

*He was my Immunology professor my first year of graduate studies at CSU. Later, when my pre-vet son, Andy Dean, went to Jamaica as an unpaid assistant to the Country's main veterinarian, Ken donated loads of veterinary stuff for him to take to that poor country. He was just so kind in so many ways.*

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**Rose L. Brinks** - April 28, 2016 at 12:50 PM