



LeRoy Wichman

August 26, 1938 - January 30, 2012

LeRoy H. Wichman suffered a cardiac arrest on the morning of January 30, 2012. He was the devoted and dedicated father to Aaron and Moira Wichman, and loving husband of Mary Frances Wichman. LeRoy was the seventh of eight children born to John and Bernadina Wichman in Seneca, Kansas. He studied at the Emporia State University and was awarded BA and MS degrees in Education. He then moved on to one of his passions: exploring the world and other cultures, which he did as a teacher of the children of military personnel in Libya, Japan, and Germany. It was while teaching in Japan in 1970 that he met and married the love of his life, Mary Frances Dale. In their free time, they loved to travel. His career spanned over 40 years, teaching dependents of military personnel overseas. LeRoy retired in 2002 and returned to the United States, making Fort Collins, CO his new home. In retirement, he devoted much time to teaching foreign students and foreign priests English. He volunteered with Catholic Charities and was active in the Knights of Columbus. Leroy was a man who lived his faith in service to others. LeRoy is survived by his wife, Mary Frances; son, Aaron (and wife Sarah) Wichman of Bowling Green, KY and their daughter Breanne; his daughter, Moira Wichman of Columbus, OH; two sisters, Marilyn Lierz of Kansas City, MO and Araline Spielman of Muscotah, KS; a brother, Kenneth Wichman of Shawnee, KS. LeRoy was preceded in death by siblings, Adelaide Schmitz, Emmett and Ralph Wichman, and Evelyn Nash. Visitation will be held 6:00 to 8:00 pm Thursday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 5450 S.

Lemay Ave., Ft. Collins. Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 7:00 pm Thursday. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 9:30 am Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mountain & Howes St., Ft. Collins . He will be laid to rest at 11:00 am Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at Great Bend Cemetery, Great Bend, Kansas. His family requests that any memorial donations please be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *LeRoy Wichman*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Mary Frances, I want you to know you are so in our prayers. I saw this on the prayer list while here in Florida. Morning Mass will just not be the same without the two of you sitting in front of us. Leroy was such a good person and help to the Polish priests. His leaving leaves a void that will be hard to fill. God Bless you in this time of sorrow. May Leroy rest in peace.*

Patsy Kress - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Francis,
I am so sorry to hear about Uncle LeRoy. You and the kids are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Janell Wicman Castle - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *LeRoy was a "gem". He was knowledgeable about so many parts of the world and its people. He was entertaining and very interesting. Mary Frances gave her family a gift with LeRoy. All of us will miss him greatly. LeRoy was organized spiritually and that gives us comfort.*

Pat and Dortha Keenan - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ LeRoy was the most gentle and religious man I have ever known. He never failed to offer prayers for his younger brother, Ken. We were so grateful for this kindness!

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mary Frances, Aaron, Sarah and Moira.

Love and Prayers

*Ken and Marcia Wichman
Sac, Laura & Olivia Lopez*

Frances Hunter - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ What a privilege it was to know such a wonderful, kind, reverent man. I admired him deeply. It is our loss, but Heaven's gain. May you find peace in many pleasant, loving memories.

God's Peace to you,

Valerie Jacomet

Valerie Jacomet - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ He was a kind and gentle man. He lived his faith.

Loyola Engelken - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ He was a very nice person.

Waunita Allen - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ I was so sorry to read about LeRoy. His was a life well lived and one that will be deeply missed. My prayers are with you and your family.

Nellie Roberts - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We are saddened at the passing of Uncle LeRoy. Our sympathy goes out to all the family. Know that our prayers are with you.

Joyce (Wichman) & Darrell Williams - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Aaron, Sarah, Breanne and Wichman family, this note comes to let you know that you are thought about with much love during the loss of your father, husband and grandfather.

Diane Amos - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Dear Mary Frances,
I'm so sad at your loss of dear LeRoy. It was always such a treasure to get to see both of you at our Memorial Day Masses. The things that LeRoy taught me will always be part of my spiritual life. He was such a gift to my soul. I'm sure he was greeted by our precious Saint Therese, and will be helping her soon. May God deeply comfort you in this time. It's a joy to know that we can see LeRoy again in heaven.

*In Our Lady,
Angie*

Angie Jones - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ LeRoy was a really neat guy. My best memory was that he would come with his mother to visit Grandma Heiman, who I stayed with and took care all my high school years. We had a great time visiting. His mother Bernadine Wichman was also my God Mother. We got re-aquainted when he retired. I Sent him an E-mail a couple weeks ago but did not get a return mail. I am sure Mary Frances and his children will be lost without him. We will keep all of them in our Prayers. May God hold you in the palm of his hands. Rose

Rosemary (Heiman) McKay - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ We pray God will provide you the comfort and strength you need during the difficult days ahead.

Aagje and John Barber - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Francie,
Bill sent me the obituary for LeRoy. Not sure what a person says for comfort except we are thinking of you at this time of loss and change(s). Will send a hard copy note.

For the "good times",
Clarkie

John & Clarkie Wetmore - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ He was my first boyfriend in 6th grade. He came to visit a couple of times when I was working in Kansas City after high school. Another classmate lived with me at that time, Geraldine Henry.

Elsie Ronnebaum Bennett - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I wanted to express my deep sympathy on the passing of Leroy. I worked with him as a fellow volunteer at Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance for a number of years. Leroy was always interesting to talk to, as he had many life experiences and was a good story teller. He also was interested in other people, and wanted to know their opinions. There was no doubt he was a man of deep spiritual faith with a special devotion to St. Therese. He loved his family and loved the church. He gave of himself and will be missed.

Jean Christen - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness for you and your family

mary frances wichman - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Thanks to the internet students who attended Drake Middle School have been re-connecting ... Mr. Wichman was my teacher at DMS and I have always remembered him as a unique individual. I was sorry to read of his passing and will let the Drake-Narimasu community know. Peace be with you.

Marcia Lang Schlegelmilch - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM