



Christopher L. Kliewer

June 19, 1966 - November 5, 2019

Christopher Lee Kliewer (1966-2019)

CEDAR FALLS – Christopher Lee Kliewer, 53, of Cedar Falls died Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at his home.

He was born June 19, 1966 in Ames, Iowa, son of Kenneth and Kathleen (Zimmermann) Kliewer. He married Angela C. Lalan on July 2, 2000 in Cedar Falls and they later divorced.

He graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Elementary Education and received a MA in Special Education and Ph.D. in Teaching and Leadership, both from Syracuse University. He was a professor in the College of Education at the University of Northern Iowa from 1995 until present.

Survived by: three sons, Cole Thorna from Syracuse, NY, Jackson and Joe Kliewer, both of Cedar Falls; parents, Ken and Kathleen Kliewer of Oregon; a sister, Lisa Matthisen of Mosier, OR; and a brother, Steve (Karen) Kliewer of Dallas, TX.

Preceded in death by: maternal and paternal grandparents.

Family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23rd where there

will be a 2 p.m. time of sharing. Continuation of sharing will take place at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club (304 Clay Street) from 3 to 5 p.m.

Memorial donations to benefit his sons may be directed to The Christopher Kliever Memorial Fund at any Wells Fargo branch or mail to: Lisa Matthisen at 126 State Road, Mosier, OR 97040.

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Sharing of Memories

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

NOV **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Falls Woman's Club
304 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall



“ I am reading Chris's book "Seeing all kids as readers" now and I came here to say that his positive influence on the world will last even though his body has left this world. I did not know Chris in person, But I am thankful for his scholarly work.

Susan Ataei - November 08, 2020 at 07:05 PM

ZS

“ Chris was a friend of mine who worked at Jowonio School in Syracuse, New York. I was friends with him on Facebook.

Zeke Smukler - December 10, 2019 at 01:34 PM

JK

“ James, Leslie, and the kids purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher L. Kliewer.



James, Leslie, and the kids - November 22, 2019 at 06:50 PM

JK

“ James, Leslie, and the kids purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Christopher L. Kliewer.



James, Leslie, and the kids - November 22, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher L. Kliewer.*



November 22, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher L. Kliewer.*



November 21, 2019 at 06:26 PM



“ *The ICI staff in Syracuse NY purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Christopher L. Kliewer.*



The ICI staff in Syracuse NY - November 21, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher L. Kliewer.*



November 20, 2019 at 11:41 PM

DS

“ Jackson, JoJo and Cole.. I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I met him and worked with him long ago at the Center on Human Policy. We kept in touch via FB over the years. I, along with everyone else absolutely loved his stories about all of you. Your Dad was incredibly kind, always had a smile on his face and had a great sense of humor. One of the many things that came across so clear was his love for the three of you. I will miss seeing you guys grow. There's no great words when one loses their parent. Just keep him close in your hearts and cherish the memories. My best to all of you... RIP Chris. You will be missed by many. Debbie Simms

Debbie Simms - November 13, 2019 at 03:43 PM

MB

“ Manette Bell lit a candle in memory of Christopher L. Kliever



Manette Bell - November 13, 2019 at 08:06 AM

PW

Chris was one of my professor's and my advisor while I was UNI getting my Masters in Special Education. He was a great teacher and a great guy. My condolences to the family.

Patrick Wagner - November 17, 2019 at 09:23 AM

SB

To Chris's Family: We met your Dad when he was at the Jowonio School, and Supported Typing was just beginning. Chris was one of our son Jamie's first supports, and he gave him a platform to go on and have a full, rich and inclusive life. He was incredibly smart and thoughtful, but had a fun sense of humor as well! It was a combination not often found, and we have been grateful for his support over the years. I know the memories will help over time, but we are incredibly sad. Jamie typed, "I have no language for my emotions". Strength and love sent to you all.

*Mike, Sheree and Jamie Burke
Syracuse, New York*

Sheree Burke - November 20, 2019 at 12:20 PM

RS

Your dad was funny, smart, left-leaning, justice-oriented, and kind--so very kind. So much admiration for the work he did and the person he was. The loss, I know, is unspeakable. Each of us has less time than we think. What do we do in the time that we have? Chris, who didn't believe in testing, get an "A+." May his memory eventually be a balm.

Ralph Savarese - November 20, 2019 at 12:35 PM

SD

I'm so deeply sad to say goodbye to my friend of almost 30 years. Chris was forever young, deeply curious, a passionate advocate for equality, a swingin' good musician, a dedicated and crazy father, a mad scientist, a reader of books, and an expert in the joi de vivre. I will miss sharing thoughts, songs, dreams and a sense of wonder about the world with him very much. I enjoyed hearing stories of the kids and finding out what they were interested in and passionate about. So smart and sensitive in so many ways. Much love to all...xoxo. Shawn daughton

Shawn daughton - November 21, 2019 at 01:18 AM

JM

I am so sad to learn of Chris' death. Chris had the biggest heart of anyone I've ever known. We met in college -- and even got arrested together at a CIA protest. :) We only spoke every once in a while but Chris never changed; he was ever kind and thoughtful. I enjoyed his stories about the boys he loved so much and who brought him such joy. I am so very, very sorry for your loss.

Julianne Marley - March 18, 2020 at 12:07 PM