Roger McKichan Kunkel

December 28, 2013

Roger McKichan Kunkel died on December 28, 2013 in the company of his wife and son. Roger was a graduate of Moorestown High ’66, a member of the track, cross-country, and basketball teams. His degree was from the University of South Carolina, with a BA in History. He was designer and owner of McKichan Design Leather Goods from ‘71-‘81, New Market, Philadelphia. Roger was always community minded, involved in the Zoning Board of Queen Village for 20 years and working with Mayor Wilson Good to reinstate the curfew in Philadelphia. Roger was a property developer, owner, and manager in Bucks County, Philadelphia, Moorestown, and LBI. Most recently Roger was Director of Properties with the non-profit MEND organization in Moorestown, NJ. He was an Eagle Scout and continued as a Committee Chairman, Counselor and Treasurer for Troup #61 from 1989-2012. He was an avid runner, European race car enthusiast, and a member of Actors’ Equity Association. Roger was the devoted husband of Jean Ann Turner Kunkel, father of Roger McKichan Kunkel, Jr., and brother of Dr. Elizabeth Kunkel of Brookline, Mass. A memorial service will be held 11am Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Bridgeboro Rd. Moorestown, NJ. Visitation Friday Eve 6-8pm at the Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to: Roger Kunkel Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, Boy Scouts of Burlington Co, 693 Rancocas Mt Holly Rd, Westampton, NJ 08060.

Cemetery Details

Presbyterian Cemetery

101 Bridgeboro Rd
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **3**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
101 Bridgeboro Road
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 235-1688
http://www.fpcmoorestown.org

Service

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Tribute Wall

Roger McKichan Kunkel

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM

Roger McKichan Kunkel

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

TC

1 file added to the album Tom and Roger

Tom Clendining - January 04, 2014 at 06:21 PM

PG

so very, very sorry for your loss, Jean and family...i was a classmate of Roger's at Moorestown High School...last time i talked with him was a few years ago...his mama
was a very dear friend and mentor for me when i was in my 20s and needed that...thinking of you all.
Phyllis Jane Goodnow

Phyllis Jane Goodnow - January 04, 2014 at 12:55 PM

CS

Our deepest sympathy and regrets, Jean and family, for your loss. Diane and I are saddened by Roger's passing . Our thoughts and prayers are with you . At this time of grief and reflection we can take some comfort in a full life spent in helping others. Roger was truly a gentle man -- compassionate, loving, and generous with his time and good counsel. We will miss him greatly.

Thinking back, I felt you had the best wedding ever. Later, we loved our times together at North Beach when our children were younger.

It's difficult for me to express how much I admired and respected Roger as we were growing up. He was interested in everything, able to fix anything, quick to offer help and advice. His energy was both spiritual and practical . Later in life, Roger showed great talent and craftsmanship with the leather business. Diane and I were impressed with his ability to excel at whatever he did.

Since we were teenagers I felt Roger was a model of patience and persistence in tackling any task -- electrical, mechanical , artistic . He exhibited great good grace and humanity in all friendships and daily life. I had forgotten his father was an executive with the BSA, but in retrospect, I see that Roger had learned a lot from him.

A loving son, I know how much Roger cared for his mother and sisters. After marriage and family, Jean, you and Roger, Jr were the center of his life. You were both a spiritual center and great support for him. We will all keep him in our memory.

And we are all better people for having known Roger. He remains a bright, shining light in our lives. I loved him as a friend and will sincerely miss him.

- Carl and Diane

Carl Steuernagel - January 04, 2014 at 11:55 AM

JK

Thanks Carl & Diane for all the good times we shared - loved seeing you guys in tuxes & cooking togeather.

jean Kunkel - January 05, 2014 at 09:40 PM

TC

Roger:

I loved you, man, and I miss you. Buddy, we had something rare, didn't we?...
.....a 50 year long REAL friendship. We clicked right away, didn't we? From our high school Triumph TR3/TR4 "sports car" phase," through the crazy times at U of South Carolina, and all the joint family vacations on LBI, we always "had each others' backs." Our bond had what Emerson called, "The Glory of Friendship" ..... that "spiritual inspiration when one discovers mutual trust and total belief in the other. "

You know, Roger, both our senses of humor seemed to have been made from the same cloth, and that was part of the "glue" of our bond. Sometimes just momentary eye contact, properly timed, was enough to set us off. I was thinking just today, that we had so many "hysterical laughing "attacks" over the years, we MUST have set some sort of record don't you think? I guess the debilitating laugh we experienced at the Pleasant Valley Apartments parking lot in 1965 took the prize. As I recall, we both literally fell down onto the ground that day.....and as i recall, our sides hurt for rest of day. Of course, knowing you and I, we just HAD to replay it over and over again during the coming months. .....

I know you'll never forget that flight we took down to Columbia in the Spring, a few years ago, to visit an old fraternity brother, and have a look at the USC campus.... after an absence of 43 years! Now THAT was a real moment wasn't it? Then we somehow got up early the next morning, and made the short drive to Augusta to attend the Masters in glorious Georgia sunshine....what a day! Up early again the next day for breakfast in the old and familiar Russell House on campus and we were off to the airport for the non-stop hop down the Florida coast to Palm Beach International @ 24,000 feet.

Ah....those were great days, buddy, and only a couple years ago, too!

In way, Roger, I think that trip somehow personifies our relationship. When we were together, we ALWAYS, and at all times, acted like a couple crazy YOUNG pups!

I'll be looking for you to show me around someday when I take MY journey to the next life.

Your friend in this life and the next,

Tom Clendining

Tom Clendining - January 04, 2014 at 10:45 AM

JK

thanks Tom sotr sharing

jean Kunkel - January 05, 2014 at 09:41 PM

BK

1 file added to the album Family Memories

Bill Kunkel - January 03, 2014 at 11:05 AM

JK

Great photo remeber that day well.

jean Kunkel - January 05, 2014 at 09:42 PM

DK

So sorry to learn of your loss. With Love, Henry, Diane, Hank and John Kunkel

Diane Kunkel - January 03, 2014 at 10:10 AM

AK

Dear Jean, Roger Jr., Betsy:
Roger was a much valued friend ,he will be missed and always remembered.
I introduced Jean and Roger , what a match!!! that thrived and endured through thick and thin.
A true gentleman, great sense of humour and a generous and true friend.
Rest in Peace sweet Prince
Aggie

Agnes Kernan - January 03, 2014 at 09:55 AM

JK

Thanks Ag he was indeed a Prince - my Love.

jean Kunkel - January 05, 2014 at 09:43 PM

AK

Agnes Kernan lit a candle in memory of Roger McKichan Kunkel

Agnes Kernan - January 03, 2014 at 09:37 AM

Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Roger McKichan Kunkel.

January 02, 2014 at 12:04 PM

MR

The Trustees and Staff of M.E.N.D., Inc. wish to express our condolences to the family and friends of Roger Kunkel who faithfully served MEND and our affordable housing mission as Director of Property Maintenance from October 2000 until April 2012. In accordance with the family's wishes, MEND will make a contribution in Roger's honor to the Boy Scouts of Burlington County.

Matthew Reilly - January 02, 2014 at 08:07 AM

GC

My deepest sympathy to Roger's family on your loss. He was ethical and kind and gentle … and back in the 1970s he was one of the best pinball players I had ever seen.

Please allow me to recount a story about Roger's pinball prowess, an experience of nearly 40 years ago that I remember vividly:

I knew Roger as a friend and neighbor in Philadelphia in the '70s, who I then ran into again when we both moved back to Moorestown. We first met in the back room of a pizza place at 12th & Pine streets in Philadelphia, and I would watch in awe as he played all four players on the machine, winning game after game on every player.

Back then, when you performed some feat of skill and won a free game, a loud "POP!" would sound and a little dial on the backboard of the machine would turn to indicate that you had won a free game. Watching Roger play was a cacophony of "POP!" "POP!" "POP!" …

One afternoon as I stood beside the flashing, banging game and watched Roger play, he "hit," winning a game on points. The free game indicator turned to 10. Then he "hit" again, performing some tricky maneuver and scoring on the "Special When Lit" feature. A second later he "hit" again, passing some bonus level. The game went "POP!" "POP!" "POP!" … but the dial on the backboard only turned once, and stopped with 10 free games registered.

Not wanting to disturb the master as he played out the ball, I waited several minutes until he finally lost the ball. I said to him: "You know that you hit three games that time, but it only gave you one."

Without looking up, he pulled back the plunger for his next ball, released it and said softly "Only goes to 10."

Gene Castellano
Philadelphia

Gene Castellano - January 02, 2014 at 07:53 AM

A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Roger McKichan Kunkel.

December 31, 2013 at 10:21 AM

DD

You are in our hearts and prayers. Cherish all the warm memories you have! Lean on Christ and know He can bring peace that surpasses all understanding. We will miss him!
Hugs and Love,
Diana, Dan, and Children

Diana Dileo - December 31, 2013 at 08:26 AM

So sorry to hear of your loss Betsy. May memories remain close to your heart.
Nancy Rust Sutherlan

Nancy Rust-Sutherland - December 30, 2013 at 01:08 PM

7 files added to the album Family Memories

Lewis Funeral Home - December 29, 2013 at 03:16 PM