



Karl A. Klauer

May 15, 1949 - January 16, 2019

LUNENBURG- Karl A. Klauer, 69, of Lunenburg, died Wednesday, January 16, 2019, in his home after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Cambridge on May 15, 1949, a son of the late Alwin and Elsie (Marshmann) Klauer. He grew up in Acton, where he was an Eagle Scout and a member of the varsity football team. He graduated from Acton-Boxboro High School in 1967, and went on to receive both his bachelor's degree in accounting and his master's degree in business administration from Babson College.

Karl worked at Hanscom Air Force Base as a financial analyst for thirty-four years prior to his retirement in 2006. In 2008, he returned to Hanscom as a consultant and continued to work until just one month before his passing. He loved his co-workers and considered them his second family.

He was an avid gardener, spending most summer evenings growing flowers and vegetables, and enjoyed interior woodworking projects. Karl loved fly fishing for salmon across New England, especially at East Grand Lake in northern Maine. He also enjoyed vacationing with his family and friends in Cape Porpoise, walking his dogs, and searching for sand dollars along the Maine coast. He spent twenty years delivering for Meals on Wheels in the Bedford community. Above all, Karl was most passionate about animal rescue

efforts, and spent much of his free time fostering, rehabilitating, and transporting dogs from kill shelters to their forever homes.

Karl leaves his wife Mary L. Adams of Lunenburg; daughters Jessie E. Klauer of Lunenburg and Schenley L. Klauer of Milford, NH; a brother, William A. Klauer and his wife Amber of Acton; a sister Joanne Klauer of Baldwinville and many nephews and nieces.

Karl will be most remembered driving through town in his truck with his dogs, and heckling his daughter (his form of cheering) on the sidelines during high school and college sporting events.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, January 25, from 4 to 7 PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 26, at 11AM in St. Boniface Church, 817 Massachusetts Ave, Lunenburg.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Save a Dog, one of Karl's favorite rescue groups, 604 Boston Post Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776. www.saveadog.org.

For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.andersonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **25.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

JAN **26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Boniface Church
Mass Ave
Lunenburg, MA

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Smoked himself to early death... hah... jerk government hump*

Ted Bigelow - December 26, 2020 at 02:42 PM

KE

“ *Karl could always make you laugh and smile - he was that kind of a person. God bless you.*

Ken - February 09, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Karl A. Klauer.*



January 25, 2019 at 08:54 PM

PF

“ *What a profound loss! Karl was truly, truly a very, very special person---one of a kind---a wonderful, wonderful person---highly respected---selfless---passionate about his country, his job, his family, his friends, and of course his beloved rescues---one of the smartest, yet genuinely self-effacing, hardest working, most dedicated, and kind-hearted people I've ever had the privilege of knowing. We all "luv'd" him a lot! We will all miss him a lot! Deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to his wonderful family and may God shower you with his blessings.*

Pauline Froebel

Pauline Froebel - January 25, 2019 at 01:14 PM

DA

“Karl and I worked together for a number of years, until I retired in 2004. Two years later Karl asked me to come back and participate in his retirement. It was an honor and a pleasure to do so. He was a true pro in the financial world, looked up to by his peers as well as our industry counterparts at MITRE, MIT-Lincoln Laboratory, Carnegie Mellon's Software Engineering Institute and the hundreds of customers who relied upon for timely execution of funding. He was a joy to work with, always willing to go the extra mile. We shared a mutual interest in many things, from gardening to our children to politics.
It literally broke my heart when I heard about Karl's most recent health problem. God bless you Karlos, may you rest in peace my friend. And may God bless and protect your wonderful family. Love you guy!

Dick Axtell - January 25, 2019 at 09:15 AM

MU

“We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.
The Ulf Family

Maribeth Ulf - January 25, 2019 at 08:40 AM

AF

“Karl -

I should have known something was wrong when I didn't get my Christmas Card last year. I will miss you - we had some fun bantering about life and all its ups and downs. Thank you for always making me laugh.

Anne Flynn

Anne Flynn - January 24, 2019 at 04:02 PM

PL

“Karl,
Man I don't even have the word to express how much you'll be missed. When I first heard of your passing my heart sunk as I was in disbelief. How could you be gone? You are a truly irreplaceable person. I will certainly miss your quick wit, crazy stories and the banter we enjoyed (and I'm sure others did as well). I will miss seeing your purple old truck with the cap circling the parking lot loaded with D&D coffee cups. Hope you're looking down on all of us, laughing and having a beer. Cheers buddy, Paul.

Paul Lienhard - January 24, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Karl A. Klauer.



January 24, 2019 at 06:52 AM

GD

“Karl will be missed dearly, I will miss the stories of his childhood and the “Great Pumpkin Caper”, of walking into the wrong club – twice, and lessons he had learned from his father. I will miss the way he fondly spoke of his daughter Jessie who was instrumental in his care, and him talking about all of the things that he wanted to take care of for Mary. I especially admired his love for dogs and loved the stories of his cherished pets. Karl was a wonderful friend who I had the pleasure of working with, my condolences to his family.

Gloria Darby - January 23, 2019 at 01:35 PM

MO

“Karl, I will truly miss you & many stories you told. My condolences to Mary & the Family, wishing you Peace to bring you comfort & loving memories to forever hold within your heart. Mentha & OJ

Mentha & OJ - January 23, 2019 at 01:32 PM

AH

“Karl was a mentor when I first started my internship at Hanscom. He is a kind man and has the patience of a true gentleman. He will be missed. Praying for all his loved ones.

Allorria Harris - January 23, 2019 at 06:57 AM

TR

“Karl with a K", you will be so missed. Your laughter, funny stories, your love for your girls and your enormous love for dogs, your sense of humor... all larger than life. I'll always think of you yelling "c'mon Freddy" during soccer, always so proud of your girl. You were one of kind, and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved you. Hugs and love to Jessie, Mary, and the rest of your family. All those pups that crossed the rainbow bridge will be walking with you once again. Rest in Peace.

Trish Reif - January 22, 2019 at 10:08 PM

DW

“I will miss talking with you Karl during your Dunkin Runs here at HAFB. May you now rest in peace with out any pain and thoughts and prayers to your family.

Dan Wouralis - January 22, 2019 at 04:36 PM

JK

“Karl was a great work friend. We often discussed politics of the day and how crazy the Massachusetts Dims were. After I left the Weather Program I saw less of him, but when we met it was like no time had lapsed at all. I'd see his truck in the parking lot and wonder why the hell he was still working. When I first saw the announcement, I was cursing that he was one of those who did not retire soon enough. But after reading the details of his passing, I see now that he went out exactly the way he wanted. Thanks for all the good times Karl.

John Klingler

John Klingler - January 22, 2019 at 04:23 PM



“Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Karl A. Klauer.



January 22, 2019 at 03:17 PM

DT

“I worked with Karl for several years. I enjoyed hearing his stories. He had a great sense of humor and was a true pleasure to work with. He will be missed.

Debbie Tetreault - January 22, 2019 at 01:35 PM

JP

“Karl was a great guy! He was very funny, and I always loved talking with him and hearing all of his stories. He will be greatly missed!! My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary and all of his family.



Janice Parrott

Janice Parrott - January 22, 2019 at 12:44 PM

RK

“Karl, A gentleman with a human dedication to his Family and the care and health of rescued animals. I would enjoy the conversations we would share on a topic of many things. My thoughts and prayers are with all his Family during this difficult time. Ron Knoll

Ron Knoll - January 22, 2019 at 12:12 PM

LR

“Karl was one of those people you always remember fondly. While strolling around work there were plenty of people to avoided or to talked to quickly and hoped for a short conversation but not with Karl- I looked forward to hearing one of his numerous stories or about the latest with his kids or dogs. He was one of those people who loved life and all that it involved (good or bad). He was always willing to help or listen to your problems. You really felt like he cared. He truly loved his wife, his kids and his dogs. It was with great sadness I that I heard of his passing. The world is truly a little bit less because he has moved on . I really wish his family my deepest condolences.

lionel rocheleau - January 22, 2019 at 10:16 AM

LH

“ I worked with Karl several years ago--I remember his sense of humor and positive attitude whenever I needed anything. My condolences to his family during this difficult time. Blessings, Linda Haines

Linda Haines - January 22, 2019 at 10:04 AM

MJ

“ Karl was one of the funniest, quick-witted guys I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was a hard worker, a great conversationalist, and he was genuine in everything he did. He made the office a fun place to be and he provided guidance whenever I asked, which was often.

Karl - you'll be missed buddy.

Mark Johnson - January 22, 2019 at 09:00 AM

AL

“ My deepest condolences go to Karl's family. I worked with Karl when I was a new employee at Hanscom. He was always helpful and patient. I loved hearing his stories! My father also worked with Karl many years ago & he had said that he had the utmost respect for Karl and the work he did. Karl will be missed!

Anne Lee

Anne Lee - January 22, 2019 at 08:58 AM

RA

“ I always enjoyed working with Carl and enjoyed his witty responses. He will be missed by Rodney Arndt

Rodney Arndt - January 22, 2019 at 08:42 AM

OH

“ I will always remember Karl and his dogs they were fun.

Owen Hawkins - January 21, 2019 at 01:52 PM

BB

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Karl's passing. He truly had a kind soul. I'll forever remember his wit and humor, his friendship and the many long chats we had. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.

Barb Briand

Barb Briand - January 21, 2019 at 12:19 PM

DF

“ So sad that Karl has passed, he was the guy that always seem invincible! My deepest sympathies to Mary and his daughters. I worked with Karl and he took me under his wing. He was the kindest most wonderful soul. He will truly be missed. Keeping his family in my thoughts and prayers.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Dorothy*

Dorothy Febbi - January 21, 2019 at 09:59 AM

SS

“Karl was a great friend. He was always in for a good long conversation on any topic. We shared a love of our dogs, and he delighted in the picture of my big golden retriever Kujo. I remember when I was on vacation for a week, and our assistant said he seemed lost without you. We were all brothers - Dick Axtell, Blake Smith, Joe Copello, whose death preceded his. The angels will sure have someone to talk to on those long days through eternity. And he will sure fill that time, there and in our memories Rest in peace.
Steve

STEPHEN SMITH - January 21, 2019 at 09:53 AM

NA

“I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Karl. I've know Karl for many years, I'll miss him and our conversations about the good old days in Accounting and Finance. He had a great heart and great sense of humor. Rest in peace in my friend.



Nancy Martinelli

Nancy - January 21, 2019 at 09:34 AM

JR

“Karl will be missed in the neighbourhood. He would always stop and chat while walking the dogs. He was a wonderful neighbor. Our sympathy to his family for their loss. Karl may you rest in peace.

John, Barbara and Kate Rinaldi - January 20, 2019 at 07:03 PM

JK

John, Barb and Kate Rinaldi

John, Barb and Kate - January 20, 2019 at 07:05 PM



Mr. Karl, my accountability partner, Dr. Akins, was so touched by your lost that it touched me, even though never met you. Your family and friends have been blessed to meet and know you as well.

Your light shines in, and on...

Dr. Ronnie Dozier, Sr. from Jacksonville, FL.

Ronnie Dozier - January 21, 2019 at 08:49 AM

KC

“Karl was a compassionate/caring person as well as a great friend. Love you Karl - God bless you.



Ken Conrad - January 20, 2019 at 06:53 PM

SA

“Our sympathy to the family for the loss of a funny and loving man. Karl fought a tough battle, rest in peace. Fondly, Sandra and Doug

sandra - January 20, 2019 at 05:34 PM

HM

Karl's sense of humor is unique, outlandish and inspirational. His departure is very sad.

Hugh McNeil - January 25, 2019 at 10:42 AM

TB

*I just learned that Karl has left but he will always be remembered by myself & my family. He made me laugh everyday. The first time I started working with him until the day I retired from Hanscom in 2006. He nicknamed me "Muddah". I was the secretary in ESC/XPK. He was so funny, especially during our lunchtime get togethers. He was helpful & just a down right fantastic giving human being. I'll miss the Christmas cards with pics of the dogs & our yearly birthday wishes to each other. He was a May baby just like me. Love you Karl. With deepest sympathy to Mary & Jessie. It was an honor to work with him. Peace,
Theresa Black*

Theresa & Tony Black - March 03, 2019 at 06:27 PM