



Kurt Paul Leutheuser

October 22, 1953 - January 4, 2023

Kurt Paul Leutheuser, 69, of Saline, Michigan, peacefully passed away at home on January 4th, 2023, surrounded by loved ones, after fighting a long, valiant battle with appendiceal cancer.

Kurt was born in Hillsdale, Michigan, on October 22, 1953, to Paul and Eleanor Leutheuser. He met his wife, Bonnie, in elementary school, and they were married on August 17, 1974. They were happily married for 49 years and best friends for many more.

After graduating from Hillsdale High School in 1971, he became a lifelong Wolverine while pursuing engineering at the University of Michigan. He graduated with honors with a Master of Science in Civil Engineering in 1976, and in 1978 received his Professional Engineering License.

Kurt joined power plant contractor Townsend & Bottum, Inc. immediately after graduation. He worked at T&B for 21 years in project scheduling and procurement on several major power plant projects in Michigan and Indiana. Many of his co-workers from those projects remain lifelong friends, and several of the closest-knit from that period settled in Saline in 1986 with growing families. In 1997, Black & Veatch acquired T&B and Kurt worked for B&V for an additional 21 years, again involved in major power plant projects in North and South America, becoming the procurement manager for all B&V

projects managed by the Ann Arbor regional office. Kurt was known for his enthusiasm, hard work, and integrity by all that worked with him.

Kurt became an Eagle Scout in 1968. Scouting highlights included the 1969 National Jamboree in Idaho and several backcountry backpacking treks at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico as a youth and as an adult leader. He was very proud when both of their sons became Eagle Scouts. He continued to stay active in Scout leadership roles within Washtenaw County.

Kurt was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, serving many years primarily on the finance committee and, most recently, the mission committee. His passion for detail and his humor served him and the church well.

Kurt retired early in March of 2018 and shortly thereafter was diagnosed with appendiceal cancer. However, that did not keep him from enjoying the many activities he prioritized throughout his life with wife Bonnie, the cornerstone of his life. He was equally passionate about family and friendships where boundaries blurred and common interests unified all of us around him. He enjoyed recreational activities such as boating, RV trips, golf, and travel. He particularly enjoyed spending time at their log cabin in Waters, Michigan, where he could be found fishing, snowmobiling, serving in leadership roles managing the club association, and of course happily knocking chores off his to-do list. His work acumen bled into his personal life, where he thoroughly enjoyed creating and maintaining spreadsheets for finances, maintenance, travel logs, and monitoring his health.

Kurt is preceded in death by his father, Paul. He is survived by his mother, Eleanor residing in Hillsdale, Michigan; his loving wife, Bonnie; their children Andy (Kate), who reside in Northville, Michigan, with their three daughters, Kendall (15), Allyson (13), and Hadley (10); Rob who resides in Grand

Rapids, Michigan with his son Carson (11); and Kristen (Jordan Maas) who reside in Mexico City, Mexico with their son Will (6) and daughter Greta (3). He is also survived by his brothers Fritz (Janice) Leutheuser of Santa Barbara, California, and Eric (Laura) Leutheuser of Hillsdale, Michigan, his brother-in-law, Barry (Karen) Hill of Hillsdale, Michigan, and sister-in-law Nancy Scott of Alpharetta, Georgia and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

We would be disappointed if he didn't consider this obituary "a good start," with some constructive criticism for improvement.

Kurt will be missed by many, and we will strive to honor him by living life to the fullest and actively loving family and friends far and wide. One of his favorite mottos to live by was "If you act enthusiastic, then you'll be enthusiastic," which was how we will remember his contagious and optimistic outlook on life. His presence will especially be felt close to the water on sunny days.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, with Pastor Kimberly Secrist Ashby officiating. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, January 13, 2023 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, and again at the Church on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. Burial will take place on a future date and will be held in the Somerset Cemetery in Jerome, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly suggests donations to the following organizations that provided amazing support during this difficult time, or a charitable organization of your choice in his memory. Arbor Hospice 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, or First Presbyterian Church of Saline, 143 East Michigan Avenue, Saline, Michigan 48176. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church. To leave a memory you have of

Kurt, to sign his guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

The service will be live streamed and can be viewed by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbyteriachurchofsaline>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline
143 E. Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salinepres.org/>

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline
143 E. Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salinepres.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Live stream link for Kurt Leutheuser in memory of Kurt Paul Leutheuser



Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 11, 2023 at 12:18 PM

TB

Kurt was a wonderful man and we loved his infectious smile and great humor. Bonnie our sincerest condolences to you and your lovely family. We are keeping you in our prayers and were able to view his memorial service online as we are currently in Florida. Please know you are being surrounded my LOVE. Terry and Jackie Buse

Terry Buse - January 14, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Kurt Paul Leutheuser

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM

CE

“ Kurt was a wonderful person in every way! The stories told at his funeral were meaningful and special. I remember as youngsters playing with Kurt and his brothers and my brother for hours and hours in his basement with a beautiful view to the outside. And riding with Kurt driving an old car (like from early 1900's?) way before he should have been driving. We had a great neighborhood thanks to Kurt and his family. Great memories... hope they comfort everyone who loved Kurt.

Chuck (Charlie) Ellis - February 04, 2023 at 07:26 PM

CS

“ My sincerest sympathies. Kurt was a warm, funny man who was a joy to work with. It's been many years since we worked together at B&V, but I have always remembered him fondly. May your happy memories bring you comfort.

Carrie Shuler - January 11, 2023 at 03:48 PM

CF

“ So sorry for the loss of such a wonderful human being. I remember Kurt through two employers, T & B and B & V. I worked closely with Kurt on a number of projects at B & V. Our offices were only steps apart and I can remember stopping off to talk to Kurt about a particular project. He was buying the equipment and I was scheduling the equipment to the project. It was the positive and the "we can do that" attitude which I will always remember of Kurt. He was forthright and honest which I will always respect especially in the world of large scale projects. He often asked about my family and I feel he was truly interested on how they were doing. He will be missed. May Kurt's memory be a blessing.

Clive Francis - January 09, 2023 at 01:06 PM

GR

“ So sorry to hear of this terrible loss. So many memories of "the gang". Kurt made High School fun. Keeping you all in prayer.
Gary Rizner

Gary Rizner - January 07, 2023 at 07:16 PM

CL

Nice comments Gary!

Charles Loader - January 09, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Kurt was a special man and friend. It was a pleasure to know him and work with him. Have Bonnie and family in my prayers.

Selar Hutchings

Selar Hutchings - January 07, 2023 at 12:11 PM

BB

“ We want to express our heart felt sympathy to Kurt's family and friends.
May God bless you during this sad time. Sincerely, Bill and Brenda Barron

Bill and Brenda Barron - January 07, 2023 at 11:05 AM

SS

“ I will remember Kurt as being one of the most positive people I have ever met. I worked with him at B&V and I enjoyed any time I got to talk with him whether for project reasons or in a more relaxed setting such as a hallway or at the coffee pot area. What I enjoyed about Kurt was that he would look you in the eye when speaking to you, always with a smile and a touch of friendliness. He was the type of person that the world has too few of. He will be missed.
Sincerely, Steve Syrjamaki

Stephen P Syrjamaki - January 07, 2023 at 10:53 AM

SA

“ Bonnie and Family - I am so sorry for your loss. Love and prayers for peace and comfort are extended to each of you at this difficult time.
With sympathy,
Sherry Jacobus Aemisegger



Sherry Jacobus Aemisegger - January 06, 2023 at 10:41 PM

RN

“ Dear Bonnie,
I have so many wonderful memories of being Kurt's next door neighbor growing up on Hillcrest Drive and of our school days. I am truly saddened to hear of his passing. Praying for comfort, peace, and strength for you and your family.
With sympathy,
Rebecca (Becky) Taylor-Napier

Rebecca Tayloy Napier - January 06, 2023 at 09:26 PM

RB

“ I have many wonderful memories of growing up with Kurt. He was a great guy and wonderful friend. My condolences to Bonnie and all his family. He will be missed.
Randy Budd

Randy Budd - January 06, 2023 at 03:53 PM

NR

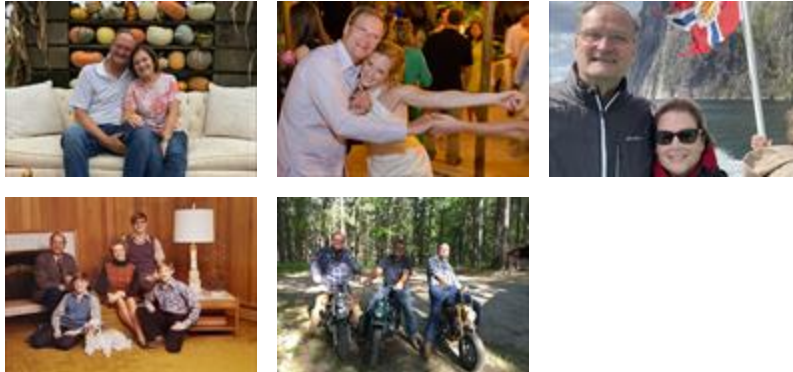
“ Natalie Peterson RN lit a candle in memory of Kurt Paul Leutheuser



Natalie Peterson RN - January 06, 2023 at 02:54 PM

RL

“ 48 files added to the album Memories



Rob Leutheuser - January 06, 2023 at 01:33 PM

JB

So sad to hear of the passing of Kurt. Prayers and positive thoughts to his wife Bonnie and family, and his brothers, and especially the lovely Ellie❤️

joyce Benzing - January 06, 2023 at 08:55 PM

ID

Oh Bonnie, so sorry to hear of Kurt's passing. He fought a courageous battle! My deepest sympathy to you and your family. 🥺

Isabel Van Deventer - January 09, 2023 at 08:51 PM

CL

*“ As a member of the Hillsdale High School class of 1971, I was please to have seen Kurt and Bonnie at our 50th year Class Reunion in 2021. He was as nice and kind then as he was back in our high school days. My thoughts and prayer for him and his family.
Chuck Loader - HHS Class of 1971*

Charles Timothy Loader - January 06, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Dear Bonnie and family,

I'm saddened to see your beloved husband, dad and grandfather has passed. Kurt was as nice, kind and funny as any person I have ever met in life. His sense of humor could and would light up a room, his compassion could soothe a wounded heart. I'm hopeful that memories of days gone by help carry you all through the difficult days ahead. Hugs, kind thoughts and prayers headed your way.

Carter Bishop III

Carter Bishop - January 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM