



Larry Kent Quirey

October 11, 1941 - January 14, 2022

Larry Kent Quirey passed away peacefully at the Linda White Hospice House on January 14th, 2022, at the age of 80, following a long illness.

Kent is survived by Marga, his loving wife of 28 years. He was affectionately known as "Opi" by his immediate family. Other surviving family members include son Robert Quirey, M.D. (Becky) granddaughter Lilly of Indianapolis, step daughter Germaine Drummond (Ken), granddaughter Arian of Dade City, Florida, stepson Harris Howerton (Bridgett) grandson Isaac and granddaughter Claire of Evansville and stepdaughter Sara Porter (Tye) of Evansville.

Kent was a lifelong resident of Evansville, born October 11, 1941. He grew up on the near east side, the only son of Chester and Selma Quirey on Mulberry Street, where they operated a popular lamp and shade and interior decor shop out of their home. He was a 1959 graduate of North High School, gravitating to the vocational trade school there. After serving as an apprentice tool and die maker, he started his own successful business, Quirey Quality Engineering. Kent had a reputation as a gifted blueprint reader and industrial model maker. As the age of computer aided drafting came to be, he retooled his business to a new successful phase, making aftermarket Chrysler Mopar and John Deere parts as a wholesaler to car restoration parts dealers. He retired from the business in 2013.

In his line of work, Kent was an expert craftsman, who could make or repair just about anything made of wood, metal or plastic. He always had an interest in cars, and early on was a competitive go kart racer and built and made parts for Swoopster karts for LMC Midget Motors in the early 60s. In 2016, Kent was featured in a story in Vroom magazine, chronicling the early karting scene in Evansville. He lovingly restored a 1931 Ford Model A phaeton and an Austin Healey 3000 Mk III among others to their original pristine beauty. He had a vintage Land Cruiser and enjoyed mudding with friends in Lynnville. He was also an avid boater for much of his life, boating on the Ohio, Lake Barkley and later at Green Turtle Bay in Kentucky where he and his wife Marga entertained many good friends. He and Marga had a wonderful life together and maintained a second residence in Dunedin, Florida, where Kent loved sitting on the porch or on the beach taking in the ocean scenery. He and Marga enjoyed traveling to her homeland in Germany spending time with family and friends there.

Many thanks go out to the wonderful caregivers that gave Kent comfort during his prolonged illness, including the Visiting Care Plus caregivers, who helped so much over the last several years. Also, a special thanks to the Deaconess Hospice nurses and Linda White Hospice House nurses and staff. Dr. Kenneth Combs provided a constant presence throughout Kent's later years as a warm and caring physician.

Kent was a lover of furry friends, with cats and dogs always as members of the family over the years, and donations can be made in his name to the Vanderburgh Humane Society <https://www.vhslifesaver.org/ways-to-donate/make-a-giftor> or the Lewy Body Dementia Association <https://www.lbda.org/donate>. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Kent Quirey*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *He will really be missed so much. He was a great father* ❤️

Sarah Porter - January 24, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Kent was a Great Stepfather to my Sisters and Myself. We will miss him dearly. We love you Opi!*

Harris - January 24, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *My parents and Chet and Selma were square dancing friends so I met Kent years ago when he was still in high school. My husband is from Evansville also graduating from North in 1960 and I'm from Ft.Branch. We wanted to extend our deepest condolences to his family. Lon & Sheri Garbers Racster*

Lon & Sheri Garbers Racster - January 23, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ *Marga, we are so sorry to learn of Kent's passing. May God Bless his Spirit and comfort all of your family during this difficult time.*

Peter & Caroline Swaim - January 23, 2022 at 09:58 AM

GD

“ Margaret thinking of you with deepest sympathy. What a brilliant man. Prayers.

Gayle and Ed Derringe

Gayle Derringe - January 23, 2022 at 08:06 AM

SS

“ Rob and family,

I'm very sorry for the loss of your Dad. I'm praying for you all.

Steve Shelley

Steve Shelley - January 22, 2022 at 03:45 PM

TC

“ Kent was a marvelous talent. It was no exaggeration to say he could make just about anything. And he "made" the best decision when he and Marga decided to marry. Godspeed Kent.

Tim Crowley - January 21, 2022 at 10:58 PM