



Klaus H. Wisiol

July 22, 1934 - December 18, 2021

Klaus H. Wisiol, 87, passed away on Saturday December 18, 2021, at a hospice in Libertyville after having a stroke. He was born 1934 in Germany and came to live in the U.S. in 1951. He was a former resident of Glenview and has lived at Prairie Crossing in Grayslake since 1995.

After a tour of duty in the U.S. Army, Klaus earned his college degree and MBA at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, after which he became an executive at Commonwealth Edison. He was also a board member and then head of Mount Sinai Hospital and later of the Sinai Health System. After retirement, at Prairie Crossing he served as board member and treasurer of the new community's first homeowner association for 12 years. He also became treasurer of the Prairie Crossing Stable. Hiking and skiing were continuing passions.

Surviving is his wife of 57 years, Karin Wisiol; his daughter Stephany (Wisio) Albert; grandsons Alexander and Tyler; and his brother Florian Wisiol, who lives in Germany.

Private services will be held at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com .

Tribute Wall

MB

“ My heartfelt condolences to you Karen and your family on Klaus’ passing. Something “possessed me” to look you up today and I saw the obituary for your beloved. Klaus was such an inspiration. I remember when the two of you were regulars at my yoga class (~2008-2010) and will always remember his determination, kindness and mastery of plank pose! Most impressive was his recovery after a skiing accident when doctors were blown away by how quickly he bounced back. May you continue to feel his presence all around you embracing your change in relationship. LOVE like yours can never end, it can only change forms. I guarantee it! All my love💕💕

Maryann Beckman-Berman - February 23, 2022 at 01:36 PM

AJ

“ Dear Karen and Family,
it was with sadness that I read of Klaus's passing this week. I have many fond memories of working for and with him at the corporate offices Commonwealth Edison. He was truly one of a kind! His creative energy and sense of humor were unsurpassed. I have remembered him and you, Karen, at odd moments through the years. When he was on the board of Mount Sinai, we attended a gala fund raiser featuring a Fendi fashion show, and every time I see Fendi products displayed, I recall that fun evening. Klaus would often regale us with stories of his adventures, such as helping out a friend by serving as a waiter at a ski resort, cementing his reputation as an erudite and warmly unconventional executive. Klaus and his smile will live on in our memories.

With sincere sympathy,
Arlene A. Juracek

Arlene A. Juracek - December 23, 2021 at 07:57 AM

TS

“ I haven't known Klaus for very long but I greatly admired his kind and gracious ways both with us and the animals, his sense of humor, insight and vast knowledge. He stayed active and committed to the stable and always had a new story to share about the shenanigans my horse was up to!

A couple of months back we were talking about a change that had been made. I said maybe that would keep my horse out of trouble. He had a good laugh before saying, "You know we're talking about Maverick, right?" 😊

Klaus, you are missed but I know you're up there waiting & watching for the next goofy thing Maverick cooks up. I hope he keeps you entertained, but not TOO entertained, for the sake of all those left behind 😊

Traci Smith

Traci Smith - December 22, 2021 at 07:47 PM

“ When we went hiking, Klaus was usually out in front. His steadfast pace was unwavering. While the rest of us loitered or hastened to catch up, he tirelessly set forth toward a majestic view, a waterfall or an icy pool of water where we could enjoy hypothermia after baking in the Utah sun. (The one time I led the way I took us off the trail and for a moment we were lost. It was serious because the temperature was over 100 degrees and we had consumed all the water we had brought with us. I took the initiative and scrambled, then slid on my butt, down to what I hoped was the trail. It was).

Klaus was unruffled as if it was okay if we made it and it was okay if we didn't. When the Twin Towers fell and he was trapped at the airport, he sat in a corner to meditate. Or nap. Who could tell?

He planned carefully, drove skillfully, moved gracefully like the lifelong athlete he was. He owned the space around him without saying a word. We once went to pick him up at the hospital after a medical episode and it was difficult to tell who was in charge. It seemed as though he had taken over and was giving directions to his caregivers.

We went to the Tacoma Art Museum when Karin and Klaus came to visit. Klaus stood in front of a still life and observed that the dangling strip of lemon peel was much too long to have been removed from the lemon to which it was attached. This was obvious as soon as he said it, but I would not have noticed it had he not pointed it out to me.

He had a transgressive, dry, playful sense of humor that made people smile. He also had one of the warmest, most genuine smiles I have ever seen. He would enthusiastically endorse whatever escapade the group set out upon and quietly enjoy the adventure. He was curious and would chat with people we met on the trails.

We had so many wonderful adventures together!





Judy prisoc - December 22, 2021 at 05:04 PM

GR

“ Klaus will be missed! I got the privilege of sharing my yoga practice with him, almost weekly, for a number of years. Class just wasn't the same when he couldn't make it. My kids loved running into him down by the horse stable when we went to visit the animals. I send all my sympathies to his family!

Gwen Ricchio - December 21, 2021 at 10:33 PM

CD

“ What an honor it was to know and get to spend time with Klaus. I will miss him and will never forget how he could light up a room with his warmth and charm. He connected in special ways to all of us. He will always be one of my favorite stars. My love to Karin, Stephany, and his family.

Corinne Dawson - December 21, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JM

“ As farmers, there's no greater gift than to share food with those who appreciate it. Klaus appreciated the flavor of the food, the land from which it grew, and the people who worked hard to produce it. Klaus was always warm to our growing children, kind to our crew members, a lover of our animals and a dear friend to us. We already miss watching him drive through the farm, taking in the beautiful day and sharing a laugh with him before he continues his tractor drive onwards. Sending peace to the Wisiol family and our continue promise to Klaus: we will keep up the good farm work. Jeff, Jen, Owen and Gavin Miller

Jennifer Miller - December 20, 2021 at 06:57 PM

CN

Klaus was a great spirit who I remember as a wonderful neighbor along with his lovely wife Karen.

Tony and I have been Prairie Crossing neighbors of Klaus and Karin since 2003.

Tony and I send condolences to Karin and their family and I must add a fond memory of Klaus was the attention he paid to me when I attended the opening of an art exhibition at the Gallery of the College of Lake County where one of my watercolor paintings was on exhibit. It was my first time exhibiting there and I was so excited my painting was chosen.

Klaus and Karin were in attendance at the gallery opening and Klaus went out of his way to congratulate me and took my photo with the painting, and then later emailed me a copy.

He made my day and I will always remember his and Karin's presence and involvement too at other local events including community meetings.

Klaus will be missed. Rest In Peace.

Carol Niec - December 20, 2021 at 08:36 PM

BM

Worked at Chicago Central division of Com Ed when Klaus was Divison VP. He was a great professional with a warm smile!
Bill Martino

Bill Martino - December 21, 2021 at 09:44 AM

DA

As a Pilates mat class regular, it was always such a pleasure to see Klaus. The way in which he clearly embraced life and lived each day to its fullest is truly inspiring. I will remember him fondly. My sincere sympathy to Karin, Stephany, and family.

Denise Archambault

Denise Archambault - December 21, 2021 at 09:29 PM

AH

Klaus shared the warmth of his smile and soul every day I was lucky enough to see him at Prairie Crossing Stables. He always had a sweet or humorous thing to share about a horse, or a cat, and never passed by without taking the time for a genuine visit to relate the animal event of the day. He was generous and kind to me as a boarder and a person, and I feel so lucky to have known him.

Just looking at his picture I can hear his laugh. He was truly one of my favorite people and will be tremendously missed. All my love to Karin, and Stephany, and family.

Andrea

Andrea Hyfantis - December 22, 2021 at 02:33 PM