



Kyle Leonard

March 3, 1962 - January 12, 2018

Kyle Leonard, 55, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018 in Highland Park, IL. He was born March 3, 1962 in Framington, MA, grew up in Kenilworth, IL and has lived in Hawthorn Woods for the past 16 years. He was a 1980 graduate of New Trier East High School and also a graduate of Western Michigan University. Kyle was a reporter, managing editor and bureau chief for Pioneer Press Newspapers and the Chicago Tribune. He was an all state soccer goalie in high school, went on to college on a soccer scholarship and also enjoyed traveling, boating, snow and water skiing.

Surviving are his beloved wife Cynthia (nee Groebner) Leonard; Loving father of Ryan and Dylan Leonard; 5 brothers, Kip Leonard, Kerry (Diane) Leonard, Kent (Susan) Leonard, Kolin Leonard and Kelly (Anne) Leonard; Nieces and nephews, Victoria, Grace, Erin, Ross, Nicholas and Eleanor; and his dear brother-in-law, Lou and Terri Groebner

He was preceded in death by his parents, WGN Personality Roy and Sheila Leonard.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Funeral services will be at 11 am Thursday, Jan. 18 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 640 N. LaSalle St. #280, Chicago, IL 60610. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the on-line guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

VV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through us, they live on. He will be missed but, never be forgotten, may his soul rest in peace. Our deepest condolences. Ed, Valerie, Clayton and Alex Slack

Valerie Vidoni-Slack - June 29, 2018 at 11:29 AM

GW

“ A good man and wonderful colleague, leaves us too early! Peace be with you!

GiGi Wernikoff - June 29, 2018 at 11:29 AM

TN

“ I extend my sincere sympathies to your family during this difficult time. Kyle and I worked together and there was never a dull moment sitting near him - he was funny, witty, and had a head full of trivia! He cherished his family and spoke of them often. It was an honor to know Kyle and I will truly miss him. Rest in peace, friend.

Tina Napolitano - June 29, 2018 at 11:29 AM

LC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to the family.

Lisa Cartwright - June 29, 2018 at 11:29 AM

GR

“ Kyle was a terrific goalkeeper and an even better teammate. After away soccer matches in high school, he'd announce our return to campus on the bus by shouting out "We don't mess around," loud enough to stop traffic. He was the music expert on the team and was responsible for the play list to get everyone ready before a match. My wife, Mary Tony, and I have great memories of Kyle and Cindy's wedding. Over the years I enjoyed trading thoughts on soccer via texts and posts. I'll truly miss Kyle but will always enjoy the memories.

Greg Rossiter - June 29, 2018 at 11:29 AM

AW

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Kyle and I were friends in high school. I will always remember his smile that could light up a room. He was a sweet and caring person. Gone too soon! Huge hug Kyle.

Anne Welch - June 29, 2018 at 11:29 AM

JL

“ I played travel soccer with Kyle way back in the late 1970's (HS years) with Schwaben AC in Buffalo Grove. So sorry to hear of his passing !!

Juergen Liepelt - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

DB

“ Cindy, I was so sorry to hear of Kyle's passing. We worked together at TribLocal I and always appreciated his professionalism and his great sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your sons and all the Leonard family. Deb Brown

Deb Brown - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

JL

“ Cynthia and family, We are so heartbroken to learn of Kyle's passing. Such a good, optimistic and selfless man. For years, our jobs made us competitors but I've always counted Kyle as a friend. We will miss him. Sending you all love, wishing you all comfort.

John and Lucy Lampinen - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

BF

“ Cindy, Ryan, and Dylan, so sorry for your loss. I have nothing but fond memories of Kyle and recall fun times as Jeff's youth soccer coach, hanging out in the neighborhood, and at block parties. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bikus Family - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

AT

“ Leonard Family, Condolences and prays at this difficult time. Anh Tran

Anh Tran - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

AH

“ Dear Cynthia, Ryan, Dylan, and the entire Leonard family. I was shocked and very sad to hear of Kyle's passing. Kyle was one of my most favorite soccer coaches of all time. He coached me at Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo more than 30 years ago (along with Tim and Greg). I graduated in 1987. Despite the passage of time, I remember him well. He was funny and tough and great and inspiring, and he knew how to communicate to teenagers to get them to aspire to be their very best. This is no cliché. He was a wonderful communicator and motivator, and he cared. For my own part, Kyle encouraged me to go on and play soccer in college despite my own self-doubts; and I did, playing at Michigan State. In short, he was a great coach because he was a great person, and he made such an impression on me that I remember him well, some 30-plus years later. More recently, he and I had re-connected through Facebook, and although I am not much of a FB'er, I enjoyed reading his various posts and comments quite a lot. Just a week or two ago, we exchanged a brief text exchange about Eric Lichaj (Chicago-area soccer guy), and his amazing two goals on behalf of Nottingham Forest against Arsenal. I had no idea he had been ill and I was, quite frankly, shocked to learn that he had passed away. You all obviously know Kyle much better than I ever did, so you already know just what a amazing person he was. Let me simply add to what you already know: Kyle was a wonderful person, and his energy and guidance as my coach had such a strong and positive impact on me, one which I remember well all these years later. I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my most sincere condolences. I wish you all some measure of peace during this obviously very difficult time. Best regards, Andrew.

Andrew Hall - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

EK

“ Dear Leonard Family, My heart goes out to all of you during this very difficult time. Kyle was a genuine and kind soul who touched so many who knew him. We were classmates at NTE plus we stayed in touch through the years. Kyle will be dearly missed. Sending love to all of you!

Elizabeth Kretchmer - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

PV

“ My deepest sympathies to Cindy and the boys. Klye was an amazing man and will be missed by everyone.

Pam VanAlstyne - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

HH

“ Worked with Kyle at HR Green and he was so welcoming, so smart and funny to talk to. We could chat about anything through the day from current events to the weekend's Premier League games. Am heartbroken to learn of his passing and wish the best to his family.

Holli Hartman - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

LA

“ Cindy, Ryan, Dylan, Kerry, Diane, Erin, and Ross: Please accept our deepest condolences on Kyle's passing. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. May his memory be a blessing. Lisa Abbin and family

Lisa Abbin - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM