



Leonard Fromm

August 16, 1942 - February 2, 2013

Leonard Dennis Fromm, 70, of Bloomington, Indiana passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family at the Indiana University Health Bone Marrow Transplant Unit Indianapolis, Indiana on February 2, 2013. He was born on August 16, 1942 in Harlan, Iowa to his late beloved mother, Delphine (Loehr) Fromm and the late Leonard William Fromm of Defiance, Iowa. Len received his B.A. in Philosophy from Conception College in 1965, having originally pursued his studies as a math and engineering student at Creighton University in 1960. Additionally, he received his M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Marquette University in 1967, and J.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1977. He was also A.B.D in the field of Higher Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Len spent the last 33 years as the Associate Dean for Students and Alumni Affairs at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana. It was a position he described as his "dream job" in that it enabled him to use all aspects of his diverse academic background in his service to students, the law school, and university community at large. Len loved spending time with his children, actively nurturing their interests and gifts while serving as a gentle guide and mentor as they pursued their own unique and personal journey

into adulthood. He was a loving son, brother, husband, and father; his ability to impart wisdom, combined with his gentle and caring nature, was inspirational to his family, as well as countless law school students and staff. Len was an avid golfer, when time allowed, and especially enjoyed his excursions with friend and colleague, Daniel Conkle. He was fortunate to direct and teach in the University of San Diego Summer Law Program in Ireland, California, and Italy, which led to the eventual discovery of his favorite course-The European Club, Brittas Bay, County Wicklow, Ireland. But Len took the greatest joy in attending his children's band performances and basketball games at both the high school and college level. He was a proud supporter of Bloomington High South Basketball and Music programs, Indiana University, and the Butler University Basketball Program. He is survived by his wife, Donna Wilber-Fromm, whom he married in Wayne, Pennsylvania on June 4, 1983; daughter, Callan Katerina Fromm of Bloomington, IN; son, Erik Donovan Fromm of Indianapolis, IN; brother, Robert Leo Fromm and sister-in-law, Bobbie Fromm, of Hobe Sound, FL; sister, Peg Fromm (Steve Sarkis) of Bloomington, MN; mother-in-law, Patricia Boyle Wilber of Bluffton, S.C.; sisters-in-law, Karen Wessel (Lewis) of Hilton Head, S.C., and Michele Garkusha (George) of Thomasville, N.C.; brother-in-law, Donn Wilber of Lexington, N.C; nieces, Allison Fromm of Tampa, Florida, Emily Wessel Farr (Dave) of Charlotte, N.C., Jennifer Wessel Grand (James) of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, Allison Wessel of Chicago, Ill., Larisa Garkusha of Thomasville, N.C., and Valentina Wilber of Potomac, MD; nephews, Joe Kirby of Lincoln, NE, Mark Garkusha of New York, N.Y., Timothy Garkusha of New York, N.Y., Sean Wilber of Boone, N.C., and Luca Wilber of Boone, N.C.; his godson, John Fromm of Defiance, Iowa; as well as several cousins and friends whom he loved. In addition to his

parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Anne Kirby, and close cousin, George Rewerts. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 pm on Thursday, February 7, 2013, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Bloomington, Indiana with the Rev. Charles Dupree officiating. A reception will take place in the Great Hall at Trinity immediately following the ceremony. The Maurer School of Law will host an additional memorial event at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the IU Foundation (P.O. Box 6460, Indianapolis IN 46206) for the benefit of the Maurer School of Law Leonard Fromm Memorial Fund.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ Donna- we were so sorry to read of Lenn's passing and your great loss. You are in our prayers and thoughts at this rough time. Patty and John

Patty Abshire - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry for your loss of a great man. Even though Erik and our son played on different basketball teams, Len and Erik made it a point to personally congratulate Tim on a game well played. What a shining example of true sportsmanship! Len would come over to the North bleachers at halftime to visit--his purple shirt blending right in with maroon and gold! I remember running into him right after Erik's acceptance to Butler--his eyes shining with pride. I'm sure his heart was bursting last night when Erik got not one, but two standing ovations. Please know that your wonderful memories of Len will sustain you through the difficult times ahead.

tim and sue pittman - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

LI

“ Donna, Erik, and Callan,
Please accept my sympathy for your loss. You are in my thoughts.

Linda Scott - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

RO

“ *Dean Fromm was a most remarkable man.*

He was wonderful to me when I was a student in the 1980's.

The State of Indiana and the legal community have lost a real gem.

All the best to his family and children.

Roy Graham - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

BA

“ *I am truly sorry to hear about Dean Fromm's illness and passing. When I worked at the Law School as a secretary, I enjoyed talking to him when I needed to take papers to him for work reasons. He was always very busy the did not have much time to say much but he is a very good person and will be missed by all. I will keep you all in my prayers.*

Barbara Cain - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JA

“ *I was fortunate to have had Dean Len Fromm as a professor at I.U. School of Law. I learned many things from him about the right way to practice law cooperatively, and to balance being a zealous advocate for my clients and still treat clients, judges and opposing counsel with respect. Fifteen years after my graduation, lessons I learned from him are frequently in my mind, as is he, and he will continue to be. I am a better lawyer and person because of the influence he had on me, and I will continue to be very grateful to him. I hope his family knows how important and influential he was for so many students and that his influence continues. I am very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, James Hillery*

James Hillery - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

CA

“ Donna, I'm not sure if you remember me, but my daughter, Hannah Bleecker, went to elementary school with Erik. I just wanted to let you know that my family and I are thinking of all of you during this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. May Leonard's memory bring you comfort always.

Carol Spencer - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

KS

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to hold the days ahead in your heart.

Sorry for your loss,
Kevin, Shirley & Derek Gross

Kevin & Shirley Gross - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM