



Mr. Louis P. Kellenberger, Jr.

October 28, 1937 - June 28, 2016

Surrounded by his loving family, Louis P. Kellenberger, Jr., 78, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 after battling cancer for more than two years.

The son of the late Louis P. Kellenberger, Sr., and the late Helen Holmes Kellenberger, he was born October 28, 1937, in Charleston, West Virginia. He retired from work as a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley in 2010. He was also advisor to employees of the City of Tallahassee for retirement planning. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Advent; was a former board member of the Friends of St. Marks Wildlife Refuge, former board member of the Friends of Maclay Gardens and a current board member and lifetime member of the Florida Wildlife Federation. He was a longtime member of Northside Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

He attended West Virginia University and served in the U. S. Navy aboard the USS Northampton-CLC-1 from 1956-58 where he visited many Atlantic ports of call from Denmark to Brazil.

Lou and Betsy lived in Dothan, AL for 26 years before moving to Tallahassee in 1988 after their youngest child went to college.

Lou loved digital photography and could be found in the field at St. Marks

NWR, Maclay Gardens State Park or Wakulla Springs State Park many days capturing the beauty of nature around him. He also loved to travel to Maine in summer, the mountains of North Carolina in fall and south Florida in winter for other photo opportunities. He enjoyed sharing his expertise with other photographers who sought him out for information about taking better photos. Lou was generous with his work which can be found in numerous brochures, newsletters, newspapers, magazines and websites.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth "Betsy" Kellenberger; children, Catherine Smith (Randy), Louis P. Kellenberger III (Melinda), David Kellenberger (Mary Sue), Brian Kellenberger (Cinnamon); grandchildren, Brandy, Louis P. IV, Nicholas, Joshua, Tara, Cannella, Jessica, Samantha and Corey; great-grandchildren, Amrie, Julian, Mikey, Shawnie, Louis P. V, and Caleb; and sister, Barbara Scites (Jack). Several nieces and nephews also survive him.

At his request there will be no service at this time. Contributions may be made to the St. Marks Refuge Association Endowment Fund, PO Box 368, St. Marks, FL 32355; or Friends of Maclay Gardens, 3540 Thomasville Rd. 32309. Special thanks go to the TMH Cancer Center and Big Bend Hospice for their care. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Rita Dilburn Paulk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Louis P. Kellenberger, Jr.*



Rita Dilburn Paulk - July 19, 2016 at 11:41 AM

KK

“ *Dear Betsy,*

I am so sorry to hear about Lou. He was a very smart, creative and caring person. I am so glad I got to know him working at the City of Tallahassee. What a wonderful person, he will be fondly remember by so many.

Kim and John Kilgore

kim kilgore - July 12, 2016 at 07:38 PM

YR

“ Dear Betsy and Family,

I was so sorry to hear about Lou's passing. I will always remember his warm smile and his fighting spirit. I cherish the photo that he gave to me of the beautiful sunset, lake and the birds. I have it hanging in my guest bedroom. He fought a hard fight and he was blessed to have you beside him all the way. You both just complimented each other.

I am sorry that I did not get to tell you both goodbye when I left the Cancer Center. I went back to Hospice care which I had done for 13 years prior and am working at Big Bend. It allows me more available time to help care for my family.

Lou's gift of photography gave us a little piece of heaven here on earth and I can only imagine what he is taking pictures of now.

Please know that I am thinking of you and your family and please take care of yourself.

*Yolanda Ritter, RN CHPN
Nurse "Yo"*

Yolanda Ritter - July 11, 2016 at 09:01 PM

MK

“ *For years, I thought Betsy and Lou were the official photographers for the Red Hills Horse Trials cross country course. You may have only missed one year in all the time I've been volunteering as a course judge and steward. I even quit taking my own photos because I knew you would post far better ones that evening or the next day. I'll certainly miss your graciousness, flexibility and respect for the riders and horses. Mary Anne Koos*


Mary Anne Koos - July 11, 2016 at 04:42 PM

SC

“ Betsy, so sorry to hear about Lou. He sure put up a fight with such courage, optimism and faith. He made such an impact in the lives of everyone he met. He has helped so many City employees & retirees as you well know. I will miss his smile & contagious laugh. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely , Steve & Kaye Chase

Steve Chase - July 11, 2016 at 10:30 AM

 Susan Ivey

“ Lou and Betsy Kellenberger became my friends through Facebook and although we never actually met, I feel that we are friends in the truest sense. As a photographer's daughter, I deeply appreciated Lou's talent, and I've used his photos as my Facebook profiles on many occasions. I was happy to inform Lou when North Carolina's "Our State" magazine ran a photography contest a couple of years ago, and I was thrilled when Lou took first prize for Wildlife. As a fan of the Florida Gators, I think Lou and Betsy are my most cherished FSU rivals. Lou, I believe, was a very humble man. Rest in peace, my friend.



Susan Ivey - July 10, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ Gladys Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Louis P. Kellenberger, Jr.



Gladys Kilgore - July 10, 2016 at 06:03 PM



“ Lou was one of the sweetest men I have ever meet gave the biggest n best hugs ever he always had time to explain most anything you would ever ask he sure gave me lots of answers too even if I thought it was silly he would just smile and give me the answers he sure will be missed by lots of people Rest in PEACE my dear friend I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU LOVE YOU FOREVER

Gladys Kilgore - July 10, 2016 at 06:01 PM



“ To Betsy & family , your loss is mine too I will always remember Lou & his kindness & the many things he shared with us dailyI do wish I could have come to his memorial serviceMay God be with you & your family during this great loss
Shirley



Shirley Ison - July 10, 2016 at 05:37 PM



“ I have known Lou and Betsy for some years and have forgotten when we first met but I know we would meet a number of years at the Birding Festival every January in Titusville, FL and also every August when they summered at Mere Point here in Brunswick where I live. They would generously take me lighthouse hopping every year and a number of times I tagged along with them to Monhegan Island. They kept in touch on facebook and by phone, always being thoughtful and caring about how I was doing. I loved listening to Lou talk about photography and his many endeavors. He generously gave of his time and knowledge to many organizations. I will truly miss him and am so sincerely sorry for your family's loss. I hope Betsy and I can stay in touch. Friend, Debby Stubbs

Debby Stubbs - July 10, 2016 at 04:59 PM

RO

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Lou. He was kind gentleman and neighbor. We will all miss him and remember him fondly.

With kind regards,

Roger Osborne

Roger Osborne - July 10, 2016 at 09:24 AM