



Timothy Keegstra

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Timothy Keegstra (70) died peacefully at his home in Columbus, OH on January 9 following a three year battle with brain cancer.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Tim married his wife Traci 48 years ago; they have three children, Aaron (Brian), Laura, and Katie (Joshua), and three grandchildren, Landon, Eleanor, and Emilia. He is also survived by his siblings William (Sandy), Jane, Piet (Patty), and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Edward and Nancy Keegstra and sisters Dorothy Jo and Amy. Tim dedicated his life to enriching his family's lives in every way possible. He encouraged them to be independent and broaden their horizons with big moves, world travel, advanced studies, and building families of their own.

His love and support for friends and family often involved cooking and food and the holidays would always lead to long baking sessions of his legendary Christmas cookies for loved ones. Professionally, he put his love for cooking and taking care of people to use as an executive in dining and food service at OSU for 32 years.

He was particularly proud of his work developing new dining locations on campus and even had a sandwich named for him at the Ohio Union. Despite his employer, he was a dedicated MSU Spartan who loved his home state and took every opportunity to support his alma mater's sports teams.

He loved 60s and 70s music and in his last days still found comfort listening to the Beatles or watching his granddaughters dance to ELO. He fought and outlasted his odds by over a year and his loss leaves us with a big hole, but also an example of strength, love, and dedication that we will use to move forward and make him proud.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Glioblastoma Foundation.



Tribute Wall

Timothy Keegstra



Eric Schwarz posted:

I grew up in Fairplane Michigan with the Keegstra Family. Jane and Dorothy Joe were in my grade school class at Fairplane NW and I knew both Jane and Dorothy well. Dr. Keegstra used to have us over for Indian Guides meetings (like the Boy Scouts). Our first dog was a present from the Keegstra family and my father was the family dentist until about 1975. I moved from Berrien County in 1980 but still stay in contact with old friends and was astonished to hear that Tim had died after fighting Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). I did not know Tim very well but just wanted to say the Keegstra family was wonderful when we were growing up in the 1960's and 1970's. They were a lot of fun, very good people, who were highly respected and loved by everyone who knew them. Tim and Dorothy Jo will be sorely missed. Eric R. Schwarz M.D.

April 8 at 3:53 AM



Kelly Will posted:

I was one of the last people to become a friend of Tim's and even in such a short time he (and his family) opened their heart to me and I will never forget him. Tim always made me smile and had a way of staying positive and being a true friend. I will never forget how many endless episodes of NCIS we watched and how many times he would have to explain to me who was who. I will miss you my friend.

February 4 at 3:44 PM



Laura Keegstra February 5 at 8:40 PM

Kelly our family will be forever grateful for how you helped us take care of Dad. Because of you we were able to care for him and home. You became a forever part of our family and we love you. Thank you!



Brian C Thomas posted:

I met Tim when I worked at Student Affairs at OSU. He and I worked tangentially as his numbers rolled up to me. I reached out one day as I was miserable in my situation in Finance at SA...he took that and ran. A couple weeks later he took me aside and asked if I would like to come to work for him in Campus Dining in a new role he created for me. I gladly accepted and from that day forward he became my mentor and my friend. He was a giant of a man in my eyes and one of three people in all my life who I look up to, respected, admired, and called friend.

January 27 at 11:38 AM



Katie Keegstra January 29 at 12:55 PM

Thank you for this! My dad appreciated you and your friendship!



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James Hahn shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I played Little League ball with Tim in the 1960's. Rest in peace, old friend.

January 25 at 8:05 AM



Patty Keegstra shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 23 at 9:59 AM



Patty Keegstra shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 23 at 9:58 AM



Patty Keegstra January 23 at 5:41 PM
Lions Beach

Patty Keegstra January 23 at 5:38 PM
One of our trips to Wisconsin.



Melanie Ball lit a candle in honor of Timothy.

Although I just met Tim after his daughter moved beside me, it was easy to tell he was a good man! Caring, thoughtful, funny and a great dad to his kids! He will be missed. Rest easy Tim.

January 21 at 7:03 PM





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Patty Keegstra shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Tim was always available to help in caring for his aging parents, although he lived in another state. Upon his numerous visits to Michigan, I would cook up some of his favorite meals. He enjoyed clam linguine and my lentil soup recipes. He shared his baked bean recipe with me. He also loved Lake Michigan and enjoyed taking photos. He loved to joke and laugh and my fondest memories are him laughing loudly, even through some difficult times. He will be deeply missed. Patty Keegstra



January 21 at 2:34 PM



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