



Gregory Raymond Wernke

May 30, 1962 - August 11, 2018

Mr. Gregory Raymond Wernke, age 56, of Franklin, TN, and Husband of Vickie Reed, formerly of Stonewall, passed away Saturday afternoon, August 11, 2018.

Greg was born May 30, 1962 in Cincinnati, OH, son of the late Raymond J. Wernke and Ruthanne Hoelker Wernke. He was also preceded in death by his Brother-in-Law; David Lutomski.

Greg was a 1980 graduate of Elder High School in Cincinnati, OH, as well as the University of Cincinnati. He worked for the University of Cincinnati from 1982 until 1997 when he moved to Nashville, TN. He was currently employed at Deloitte and Touche in Hermitage, TN.

On November 11, 2000 he was united in marriage to Vickie Reed, a native of Smith County, at the First Baptist Church, Gordonsville.

He is survived by his loving Spouse; Vickie Reed Wernke. Two Sister; Lisa (Joe) Nelson and Sue Wernke Lutomski of Cincinnati, OH. Brother; Mark (Kathie) Wernke of Cincinnati, OH. Brothers-in-Law; Rev. George (Virginia) Reed of Carthage, TN, Gerald (Brenda) Reed of Brush Creek, TN, and Gerry (Ginger) Reed of Carthage, TN. Nieces; Dawn (David) Roark and Katie Wernke of Cincinnati, OH. Nephews; Joe (Margie) Nelson of Evansville, IN,

Clayton (Lindsay) Nelson and Andy Lutomski of Cincinnati, OH. Great-nieces and Nephews; Meghan Roark, Patrick Roark, Evan Roark, Julie Nelson, and Ruthanne Nelson.

In addition to the love and devotion to his family, Greg was also well loved by his many friends.

Celebration of Life Services for Mr. Wernke are scheduled to be conducted from the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 1PM with Rev. George Reed officiating.

Visitation with the Wernke and Reed Family will be at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Home on Friday from 4PM until 8PM and on Saturday from 11AM until service time at 1PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Second Harvest Food Bank Middle Tennessee, your local Food Bank, the American Cancer Center, or to the Charity of your choice.

BASS FUNERAL HOME, GORDONSVILLE CHAPEL, DIRECTORS.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Home
71 E Main Street
P. O. Box 248
Gordonsville, TN 38563
(615) 683-8212
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Tribute Wall

BG

“ Greg was my colleague while I was at Deloitte a few years ago. He was a true confidant, friend, and advocate for me. When I first learned about his passing, I immediately reflected on such great times we had in the office - walks with colleagues to take a breather, cat videos, and history lessons. He would remind me to not stay too late, to not be afraid to challenge/speak-up and introduced me to a mentor. For all of this, I am forever grateful.

Unfortunately, I was ill this week and was unable to make the celebration of life. In Greg's honor, I've donated to the Nashville Humane Society, in hopes that there will be another person to adopt a sweet kitty and spread joy around the office.

Most Sincerely,

Bridget Gorta

Bridget Gorta - August 19, 2018 at 12:12 PM

BS

“ Greg was such an amazing individual. He made me laugh, he made me think, he made me dig deeper before I offered an opinion. Greg was a loving, opinionated, animal loving, storytelling, talented life force, and I am honored that he was my friend. I thank you for giving me the gift of your presence Greg. You are, and will be missed in this world.--Brian Shreeve

Brian Shreeve - August 18, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ I knew Greg for more than a decade.

We first met five or six companies ago -- 10 or 12 years ago. My boss and I didn't agree or get along with each other, and Greg was hired with the authority and expressed mandate to get rid of me -- or at least counter some of my ideas.

But that's the thing about Greg, he didn't do what he was told or what would make his life easy, he did what he believed in, whatever the consequence. And after a few conversations, he and I came to a concord. We joined forces, if you will, and our boss ended up disliking the both of us. I gained an ally but more importantly a friend. I quit not long after and would meet with him occasionally.

Greg told me that he moved to Tennessee to follow his love and interest of History. He and I would wander along the winding roads, through the quiet and forgotten battle fields, and amongst the graves of Civil War soldiers. He would tell me stories that I remember and retell to this day, though not as well as he could.

He dressed up in antique clothes, ate hardtack, and re-enacted old battles and events that most had forgotten or never known. He collected antique guns, made his own bullets, and shot in competitions -- not animals so far as I know; I think his soul was too gentle for that.

I remember when he was asked to re-enact as the attache of General Lee; he was proud, and though many people would find such a thing peculiar, the most interesting people are peculiar.

We would often go many months without seeing each other. But when we got together, we picked up as if only a day had passed. We were supposed to meet in the past few weeks, but the busyness of life got in the way. One more breakfast, one more conversation would have been nice, but I'll have to hold to all the past ones and the memories.

He was good man. I'll miss him. And the world will be less well remembered for not having him in it.

*Miss you buddy,
Alan Huffman*

PS> I guess you now have discovered the answer to our ultimate and final musing of what after this...

Alan Huffman - August 17, 2018 at 10:21 PM

DI

I worked with Greg at AmMed several years back. He and I talked many hours on many walking breaks around the building about many interesting topics. He inspired me and empowered me even if we were in conflict, which we were at different times. I became stronger because of him. I was shocked to hear this sad news. He is gone too soon. I pray his soul rests in peace. I am sorry for his loss. I know he loved his wife very much and I pray that she and other family members are able to feel comforted in this hard time. God bless.

Diane - August 19, 2018 at 07:43 PM

TD

“ *Ted DeZabala purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gregory Raymond Wernke.*



Ted DeZabala - August 17, 2018 at 10:07 AM

ET

“ *EDSC DEV-QA Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gregory Raymond Wernke.*



EDSC DEV-QA Team - August 17, 2018 at 02:47 AM

ET

“ *Miles Away, Miles away... where ever you may go, you'll be dearly missed, Miles... away!*

Greg has made an impeccable impact on us and knowing we will not be able to interact with him anymore, disheartens us. He has been the unelected Leader and a Guardian to us. His splendid behavior since the past weeks has been fascinating. The team was overwhelmed with his comforting spirit, the gratitude towards his fellow workers and his undying love for his Cats!

Your Ridicule only made our ability to bring out the best in us, stronger.

We love you and miss you.

--On behalf of the EDSC DEV-QA Team.

EDSC DEV-QA Team - August 17, 2018 at 02:25 AM

OC

“ *Our Deepest Condolences, Cool Springs Chiropractic purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gregory Raymond Wernke.*



Our Deepest Condolences, Cool Springs Chiropractic -
August 16, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory Raymond Wernke.*



August 16, 2018 at 04:07 PM

JA

“ *Greg's warm spirit and brilliant perspectives will be missed. It was an honor to know him and I have no doubt I am a better person for it. My prayers are with you Vickie and the family!*
Jessica

Jessica Anderson - August 16, 2018 at 03:58 PM

BY

“ *Working with Greg was an always challenging and gratifying experience. He was a person who made us believe to be Unique. You were always a warm soul to speak to. We will all miss you Greg.*
Rest in Peace.

Bhavani Yata - August 16, 2018 at 12:32 AM

DP

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. A donation in Greg's memory has been made to Second Harvest Food Bank. Please know that you are in my prayers. Dee Patton

Dee Patton - August 15, 2018 at 02:07 PM

RT

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Roger A Tenney - August 15, 2018 at 12:02 PM

JM

“ Greg was one of a kind. He could be tough and focused. He was also truly kind, thoughtful, intelligent and a defender of others. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many people whose lives he touched. Prayers of comfort and peace.

Judith Mitchell - August 14, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Raymond Wernke.



August 14, 2018 at 12:16 PM

RB

“ *Much love to Vickie and all who grieve his loss in these times.*

Greg was a true friend. He was loyal and fearlessly honest, brilliant, funny, and insightful. He loved both ideas and practical competence. Impatient with any falseness, arrogance, and foolish consistency, he could be blunt, but blunt in a bighearted way, because his honesty was founded on love. Greg was talented with a sensitivity for the needs and feelings of those around him and was generous and compassionate in conversation. Greg was an expert on history and from him I gained perspective on the lives of my ancestors in the time of the civil war. Greg enriched us. I expect that somehow, through the love of God, we will be laughing with Greg again.

Rick Beesley - August 14, 2018 at 12:02 PM

JA

“ *Greg always had a bigger than life personality and a super-sharp mind. I enjoyed (and was often challenged by) our conversations over the years. So sad to lose such a unique person.*

My condolences to Vickie and all of the family.

Jason Jones

Jason - August 14, 2018 at 09:39 AM

AG

“ Greg and I shared a love of cats..... in particular big orange and white kitties. So often Greg would stop by my desk to say goodnight as he was heading home and could tell when I needed a smile. He would share a picture or video of his kitty who is HUGE by the way, just to give me that boost to finish my work day. We walked and talked about the kitties in our lives, past and present the way that Cat People and friends only understand. You will be missed my friend for your professionalism and dedication to quality but mostly for your kindness and heart of gold.

Aimee Gloster - August 13, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory Raymond Wernke.



August 13, 2018 at 09:43 PM

EB

“ Not only was Greg a colleague, but he was an undeniable heartbeat, spirit and friend. I can recall countless occasions when Greg would IM me or find me just to chat. Each time, I would leave that conversation with a smile and sense of overall happiness. Greg will be greatly missed by so many.

Emily Breece - August 13, 2018 at 06:13 PM

LB

“ I enjoyed working with Greg and have fond memory of our many adventures and successful software deployments because of his wonderful work. I will miss you. Rest easy. My condolences to Vickie and the family.

Lee Blumenthal

Lee Blumenthal - August 13, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gregory Raymond Wernke.



August 13, 2018 at 04:09 PM

AS

“ Working alongside and learning from you was truly a privilege Greg. I still reminiscent our lively discussions while I visited Deloitte Hermitage office in 2014 and over the years I continued to enjoy our work debates and casual conversations.

Your ability to candidly accept a miss and be willing to make mends is something that I would always look up to.

We have lost a friend with a great sense of humor, A colleague with astute observations and a man with a golden heart

Rest in peace Greg

- Ankit Saxena

Ankit Saxena - August 13, 2018 at 03:37 PM

JM

“ So very sad to hear about Greg's passing. Sending lots of thoughts and prayers to everyone.



Jeanna Meyer - August 13, 2018 at 03:25 PM

CS

“ While it's been many years since I've seen Greg, when we worked together we shared many good conversations. The world is a sadder place for his having left it. To his loved ones, I hold you in love and peace as you move through this difficult time.
Chrystie Stachura

Chrystie Stachura - August 13, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory Raymond Wernke.



August 13, 2018 at 10:19 AM

RT

“ Greg, our Civil War living history times were great! I will miss you my friend.

Roger

Roger A Tenney - August 12, 2018 at 10:18 PM