

LAMASTER, LAWRENCE NUETZEL,



61, died Tuesday, April 28th, 2015.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his mother, Elaine Nuetzel LaMaster. He is survived by his father, William Herndon LaMaster; his brother William Herndon LaMaster, Jr; and sister Kelly Celeste LaMaster.

Lawrence grew up in St. Matthews, KY where he started his education at Holy Spirit Grade School and played quarterback for The Little League Colts, making lifelong friends. Attending St. Xavier High School, Lawrence honed his leadership skills and comedic personality with quick quips, many times at the expense of his teachers. He was a football player and excellent swimmer for the Tigers.

The University of Kentucky was his next educational experience enrolling in 1971. There he joined his fun sister, Kelley and brother ("Lipster"), as well as many cousins from Louisville and Lexington. The LaMaster clan cut a wide swatch of partying and merriment! Oh, what fun was had...

Lawrence graduated from UK with a BBA in the spring of 1974 and was always proud to display his sheepskin as proof that one can multitask on the university level.

Shortly thereafter, Lawrence began a lifelong passion with travelling and adventure, taking the road less traveled. Some of the highlights: lived in Hawaii, forgot to get back on a UK sponsored trip to France and backpacked with a Eurorail pass throughout Europe. No problem, Lawrence was never alone as people always gravitated to his jocular personality. He and a friend then bought a one way around the world, yearlong airline ticket heading West. Tahiti, Australia, Hong Kong, Burma (yes they slipped in despite the state department advice...somehow they became Austrian citizens), Thailand, Switzerland and Paris. Living at the foot of Little Nell in Aspen, he and a friend were "ski bums" and passed themselves off as ski instructors...Right! They adventured through South America, hopping rides on military transport planes. While in Ecuador, there was military coup d' etat. The Blonde Americans were held at gunpoint until a colonel rescued them putting the boys on a plane to safety.

Lawrence was a loving son, fabulous brother and champion of the underdog. "The Ambassador of Laughter" was always in command of the room never failing to elicit guffaws, horse laughs and upon his exit, smiles all around the table. His ability to relate to the best of the best and those coming into full stride was like no one else... "I had fun" were his favorite words. He always did!

A member of the Pendennis Club, he was a beloved President, the celebrity squash ambassador, started with friends the bachelors boxing night, The Kentucky Derby Dinner and Party, and other outstanding events bringing friends together for wonderful comradery. Truly, only second to his love of family and friends, the Pendennis was his love and he was devoted to her. Lawrence was also a member of the Thoroughbred Club of America where he held court before jaunting over to Keeneland for the beautiful horses and of course, ladies.

"Lawrence was a man of dignity" and "It was an honor to be his family and friend." Lawrence LaMaster was a leader of extraordinary ability.

We, as a family, will miss him.

Visitation will be at Pearson Funeral Home, 149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY 40207 on Monday, May 4th, 2015 4-8 P.M. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1420 E. Washington St., Louisville, KY will burial to follow in Cave Hill Cemetery.