

We Gather To Celebrate The Life Of
ADAM EDWARD 'LEIGH' KELLER

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 2:00 pm

Westminster United Church, The Pas, Manitoba

Presider: Linda Buchanan

Order of Service

Prelude Music

Welcoming and Opening Prayer

Song: "Softly and Tenderly"

Memories of the Heart

Psalm 23: VU#747, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, 'Believers Who
Have Died'

Reading: John 4: 13-16, 'Boasting about Tomorrow'

Reflection: Linda Buchanan (Based on John 16:20)

Hymn: VU#291, "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Powerpoint

Closing Prayer / Lords Prayer:

Commendation / Blessing

Hymn: VU#186, "Now the Green Blade Rises"

Recessional Music

RECEPTION

C.E. Wing, Westminster United Church

***In lieu of flowers, donations to Westminster United
Church, Box 25, The Pas, Manitoba R9A 1K3,
would be appreciated by Leigh's family.***



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**In Loving Memory of
Leigh Keller**

May 28, 1950—April 13, 2024



Adam Edward Leigh, was born in Flin Flon, Manitoba, on Sunday, May 28, 1950, the first child of Adam and Hazel Keller. He was known as Leigh the rest of his life.

As a young boy in Flin Flon, Leigh and his brother Hugh got to play, hunt and fish with their father. They went on family trips to visit family in Whittome, SK and got to work on the family farm, collecting vegetables for the farmers market. Adam and Hazel later adopted Len and Shirley and the Keller family was complete.

After finishing high school, Leigh had odd jobs before heading to Winnipeg to take Mechanical Engineering Technology at Red River College. During the summers he worked at the mine in Flin Flon and did a term position at the mill in The Pas. While in Winnipeg he met and fell in love with Debbie. In 1971, Leigh and Debbie had a baby girl who they loved and cherished but couldn't keep. Dana was adopted into a loving family. Leigh and Debbie always wondered how she was doing and wishing and praying for her. They were reunited in 2007 and their relationship bloomed.

Leigh and Debbie were married in Winnipeg, MB on Oct 14, 1972. After Leigh finished school they moved to The Pas and Leigh started his career at the paper mill. While working he met many lifelong friends and loved keeping up with them. They welcomed their much awaited second child, Christopher, on May 15, 1979 during a mill shut down. Chris was the light of Leigh's world, he would always let anyone know how proud he was of his son.

Leigh was a very spiritual man and when they settled in The Pas, they called Redeemer Lutheran Church their home. He was a very active member until its closure when Westminster United welcomed them to their congregation.

In 1973, they decided to build their first home and purchased a lot on Lamb Crescent This started a lifetime of home building and renovations. He built 17 basements in Wood Acres with Ron L in the 70s, ran a gravel business for a short time, built their current home, rebuilt his in-laws cottage at Clearwater Lake after the fire, built 2 Finger Place for resale, fixed up a burnt house on Cathedral, maintained 5 rental

homes, helped design and build his brother Hugh's cottage at Athapap, and worked on countless projects with Chris.

Leigh loved to travel and went on many family vacations, including numerous trips to Disney World and Disneyland. This past January he was able to watch his grandchildren enjoy the Disney parks in California.

Flying was a passion of Leigh's. Leigh and Chris took their ground school training together, but only Leigh did the flight training. He owned C-GXSL, his Piper Arrow, for many years. He spent many years volunteering his time with CASARA and helping out at the Flying Club.

After Leigh retired in 2005, he bought his Harley to do road trips. But decided to go back to work to keep busy instead. He had many jobs, including working in Maintenance and the Woodyard back at the mill, shutdowns in different locations, working at Dairy Queen during lunch hours, driving truck for Dennis Libbrecht and for Lakeshore Landscaping, Driving School Bus for KSD, delivering cars for Twin and Northland and, at the time of his death, drove the Clearwater bus route for Mahikan.

Leigh is predeceased by his parents Adam and Hazel; In-laws Don and Barbara Fisher; loving dog companions Penny, Chico, Coco and grandpup Marlee.

Leigh is survived by his wife Debbie. He did work very hard to make sure this happened! He is also survived by daughter Dana (James); son Chris (Jenny); grandchildren Noah, Avery, Jace and Kira. He will also be lovingly remembered by his brothers Hugh (Carol) and Len (Ivette); sister Shirley; nieces and nephews Anton (Kyla), Adam, Hunter, Leia; Troy, Zane and Carisa (Jordan); Sam, Mia and Owen. Sister and brother in law Patty Chalmers and Bill Fisher; nieces and nephews Jaime (Jason) Brooklyn and Brody, Anna (Hayden, Matthew), Karen (Isabelle and William), Keith, Paul (Monica), Jimmy (Autumn and Nathaniel). As well as numerous cousins and friends.