



## Kerry Lafferty

September 21, 1936 - January 22, 2015

Kerry Otho Lafferty, age 78, St. Cloud, MN, died Thursday, January 22, 2015 at North Memorial Medical Center, Robbinsdale, MN.

A memorial gathering and time for sharing will be held in Teresa Reception Center, at the College of St. Benedict on Friday February 6 at 7:00pm.

Kerry was born September 21, 1936 in Kinsley, KS to Otho and Dorris (Duggar) Lafferty. He married Margaret "Peg" Murphy on December 20, 1980 in St. Cloud, MN.

Kerry's professional career in Minnesota started as a charter member of the Theater faculty at Southwest State College, Marshall in 1967. In 1971 he became technical director at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis.

When the Guthrie touring production "Of Mice and Men" was playing at the Benedicta Arts Center in 1973 at the College of St. Benedict, Colman O'Connell lured him away to become technical director of the CSB/SJU theater department. Kerry continued as professor and scenic designer for the Theater Department for 30 years. Upon his retirement he was named Professor Emeritus. Kerry's proudest achievements are the successes of his family and his students in their personal and professional lives.

Survivors include his wife, Peg Murphy of St. Cloud, MN; son and daughter, M. Sean (Karen) Lafferty of Minnetonka, MN; Meg (Joe) Lafferty-Schuller of Wadena, MN; sister, Ann Dings of Florence, AZ and Ft. Collins, CO; 5 grandchildren, Robert Otho (Ashley) Schuller, Alli (Matt) Wagner, Mick Schuller, Steven Schuller and Connor Lafferty, 2 great granddaughters, Zoie and Mila Schuller and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Patrick J. Lafferty on November 7, 1996, and sister, Patricia Lafferty in 1938.

Memorials are preferred to either the CSB/SJU Theater Scholarship program or the University of Minnesota Medical School/Masonic Cancer Research Center for Myelodysplastic Syndrome research.

Benson Funeral Home in St. Cloud, MN, invites you to share your memories and offer your sympathy to the family of the deceased. We will be honored to pass them along.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kerry Lafferty.*



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February 05, 2015 at 02:36 PM



“ *Dear Meg and Sean, I am truly sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember how his smile reached his eyes and how distinguished he always looked with his goatee. The day of his memorial gathering would have been my brother, Travis', 39th birthday. Perhaps, Meg, Travis is up there singing Elvira on a tree stump and your dad is smiling and Pat is working on a car in the driveway.....just like long ago. My heartfelt sympathies to you and your families. Love, Leanne*

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**Leanne Lokken** - January 31, 2015 at 12:07 AM



*Leanne, I love thinking of Travis entertaining them all! What a group they will make :) It is good to hear from you. Take care, Meg*

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**Meg Schuller** - February 03, 2015 at 09:43 PM



“ *Eleanoria Peters Brake lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Eleanoria Peters Brake** - January 30, 2015 at 08:37 AM

JT

“ *Jim TeVogt lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Jim TeVogt** - January 26, 2015 at 04:27 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Rita Anderson** - January 26, 2015 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ *Jack & Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Jack & Lucille Belch** - January 25, 2015 at 10:41 PM

NL

“ *Neal And Leona lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Neal and Leona** - January 25, 2015 at 09:53 PM

NL

*Sending prayers for God to embrace you all in His arms at this time.*

**Neal and Leona** - January 25, 2015 at 09:55 PM

DH

*I am so sorry Meg and Joe.*

**Diane Hahn** - January 26, 2015 at 09:42 AM

PE

“ *Peter & Margaret Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



**Peter & Margaret Van Erp** - January 25, 2015 at 09:00 PM

SO

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss sending loads of love and praying the God holds you all in his loving care as you get through this hard time..love, Paul, Sharyl, Josh, Cody Olson*



**sharyl olson** - January 25, 2015 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss Meg and Joe. Jerry and Irene Baron*



**Jerry & Irene Baron** - January 25, 2015 at 05:38 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Jim and Lorie Baron** - January 25, 2015 at 02:32 PM

DM

“ *Dorothy McAllister lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Dorothy McAllister** - January 25, 2015 at 01:10 PM

DL

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



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**Dave and Cindy Lemke** - January 25, 2015 at 10:54 AM

RY

“ *Rick And Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Rick and Linda Youngbauer** - January 25, 2015 at 07:09 AM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Mike and Lea Snyder** - January 24, 2015 at 08:54 PM

TS

“ *Trish And Bruce Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Kerry Lafferty*



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**Trish and Bruce Steinkopf** - January 24, 2015 at 06:32 PM