



## Karl Lee Giesecke

September 14, 1969 - October 23, 2010

Karl Giesecke, age 42, was born in Houston, Texas on September 14, 1969. He attended school in the Spring Branch district and graduated from Memorial High School. He was employed by Albertson's Grocery. For the past decade he served faithfully as a volunteer at Terrace Elementary School. He died peacefully on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

He lived life on his own terms, filled with a spectrum of activities. His loves were diverse; from ballet and opera to the martial arts and wrestling, to playing Iron Man on his Nintendo Wii.

He was a music enthusiast, with an appreciation for all forms of music; concentrating his studies on the piano. Never finding an instrument he didn't like, he managed to acquire a collection of instruments from around the world. A musician at heart he most likely played one of these instruments for you, especially to accompany the singing of Happy Birthday.

He was an inventor, studying nautical vessels, airplanes, rockets and space ships. He meticulously worked on creative cardboard constructions inventions. Karl was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. He had great love for the church and for the congregation. He looked forward to Sunday mornings, where he would stand by the Fellowship Hall doors waiting to open them for you. This was his way to welcome you. There is no doubt that this newest angel will be waiting at Heaven's Gate. With the sound of music, he'll be waving that wave, smiling that smile, and as we approach, he will welcome us home.

He is survived by his parents Noel and Susan Giesecke; sister, Laura and husband Brett; brothers Kevin and wife Shelley and Michael and wife Eva; nieces, Jennafer, Jessica, Madison, Emily and Sophia and nephew Nicholas. He was preceded in death by his Grandparents Curtis and Eunice Giesecke, Arnold and Helen Boemecke; and one of the loves of his life, Marilyn Monroe. He is greatly loved and will be dearly missed. We enjoyed every day we had together.

Services are scheduled at our home congregation, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at 7901 Westview at Wirt Rd. (three exits west of 610 loop on I-10 and north one light) at 2:00 pm Saturday afternoon, October 30, 2010.

A scholarship fund, the Karl L. Giesecke Music Scholarship has been established at Texas Lutheran University in honor of Karl's life.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
7901 Westview  
Houston, TX 77055  
<http://www.holycross.us>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karl Lee Giesecke*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Karl Lee Giesecke*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Karl Lee Giesecke*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Karl Lee Giesecke*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I remember how much Julianne loved Karl..I know the two of them are shearing hugs and laught's together now. Thinking about this makes me smile even as I miss them both. There will come a time when we will share the happy times with them. Love you and all your family, Julia Aiken*

**Julia Aiken** - September 14, 2015 at 03:51 PM

MS

“ We just heard today of Karl's passing and our hearts are saddened. He will always be in our hearts. We have such fond memories of him as our friend and neighbor on Triway. He had such an enthusiasm for life and love for others. He is perfect in Heaven and dancing with the angels.

Was pleased to see your name on the sponsorship at the REACH luncheon and was immediately flooded with memories of Karl.

We send our love and prayers to your family.

-Mary Beth (Laughter) Schmitz

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**Mary Schmitz** - December 31, 2010 at 09:39 PM

EW

“ Dear Susan and Noel, may our precious Lord bless you and keep you, may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may He lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Love and God's abundance to you, Emilie & Johnny Walling

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**Emilie Johnny Walling** - December 01, 2010 at 10:32 PM

CW

“ Susan and Noel and family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of Karl's passing. As Karl and your family were living across the street from us for many years, my family, as you know, were touched by Karl and your family over the years, some of us having grown up with him. We were touched by his talents along with his welcoming spirit, and laughter and friendship. We know his family raised him to lead such a fulfilling, happy life.

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**Christina Walsh** - November 07, 2010 at 08:18 PM

GR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Gordon & Bernice Richter*  
*Weimar, TX.*



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**Gordon Bernice Richter** - November 02, 2010 at 08:32 PM

RL

“ *Richard Connie Leverett lit a candle in*  
*memory of Karl Lee Giesecke*



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**Richard Connie Leverett** - October 31, 2010 at 06:45 PM

DE

“ Noel & Susie, both of you have been some of my very special & dearest friends for at least 60 years or more. Your only daughter is named Laura while mine is Lori. I knew Kevin & Karl from TLU Homecomings & Michael as he went to TLU when my Max was there. Karl was truly a gift from Heaven & I also loved his smile & welcoming personality. I am delighted to learn so late his interest & achievements in music; He was a very versatile "character" who loved humor. You cannot imagine how delighted I was to see him at this year's Homecoming on Fri. Oct. 1 with you & Noel and that he was looking so good! And before that how excited I was when you 3 came all the way from Houston for my 70th birthday. There was Karl with his forever happy smile. I can never forget those 2 days. At the library computer when you wrote me, I broke out in tears to learn of his leaving this earth for his eternal rest. I had to leave quickly. My love, my prayers, my heart is with you in this trying time...with you Susie, Noel, Kevin, Michael, and Laura and your young families. My oldest son just turned 40 and I cannot imagine going through something like this with a child still so young. God bless you and may Karl have the biggest smile of his whole life as he enters life in heaven. Dotty Herms Ebert, New Braunfels, TX.

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**Dotty Ebert** - October 31, 2010 at 03:30 PM

CB

“ Susan and Noel,

*Please accept our deepest sympathy upon Karl's passing. We enjoyed meeting him in your home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Cora and Rodney Blumberg** - October 28, 2010 at 08:53 PM

KR

“ I reamber Karl when he went to the Arc dances and did special olympics like bowling

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**Kristen** - October 28, 2010 at 04:28 PM

JB

“ *Laura and I will never forget the piano recital of 2003. The students performed Peter and the Wolf and Karl was the grandfather. He was awsome in the part and was so so kind and caring to Laura during rehearsals. Also the amount of concentration during the recital while playing his piece was insirational. It was very evidant the great joy he recieved from performing. His smile has been a great blessing to us all. We love you Susan, Noel and family and much love to Karl!*

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**Jodi Byerly** - October 28, 2010 at 02:37 PM

SH

“ We were so sorry to hear of Karl's passing. Please accept our condolences.

*I did not realize Karl was such a musician; I only knew him as a baseball player.*

*He was a very focused player, and you could always count on him to bring his teammates home.*

*Godspeed Karl, thanks for all the great memories!*

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**Shane Hopkins** - October 28, 2010 at 11:52 AM

SL

“ Although I didn't know your son, we certainly sympathize with you and your family. We know that Karl had a loving and wonderful family.

*Sherry and Jennifer Langford*

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**Sherry Langford** - October 28, 2010 at 11:27 AM

AB

“ To all the Giesecke Family,  
My heart goes out to you as your grieve for Karl. Though I knew him only from a distance, I could feel the kindness in him and treasure the memory of his wonderful smile. You are all in my prayers.

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**Angie Barber** - October 28, 2010 at 11:11 AM

GL

“ The Giesecke Family - Carl and Noel were on the same ushering team as Glenn when we were members of Holy Cross. We were very sorry to hear of his passing and your family has our sincere sympathy. May your memories comfort you at this time.

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**Glenn Jerri Linke** - October 28, 2010 at 09:38 AM

YB

“ To Mr. & Mrs. Giesecke, I am very sorry for your lost I worked with Karl at Terrace love his smile every morning you have my sincere sympathy.

*Yolanda Bella & Family*

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**Yolanda Bella** - October 28, 2010 at 08:50 AM

VG

“ *Karl was a special young man. I enjoyed having him on the TLU campus during Homecoming. You all have my sincere sympathy.*

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**Violet Glover** - October 28, 2010 at 08:31 AM

TR

“ *Dear Susan and Noel,  
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Karl. We have such wonderful memories of him...and his especially endearing smile. You are a wonderful family...and I know you will feel his loss, just as we will. Please accept our sincere condolences.  
With love,  
"Kitch", Bill and Kristen Rubenstein*

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**The Rubensteins** - October 28, 2010 at 07:04 AM

SB

“ *Susan, Noel, Laura, Kevin, and Michael -- We are heartbroken for you, and we join with you in celebrating Karl's life. We have so many wonderful, happy memories of Karl. One time in the late '90's he arrived for a pool party at our house, having walked from your house to ours in full snorkeling gear, flippers and all. We all loved it, and no one enjoyed the party more than Karl. For another party, he brought his trumpet and played a great rendition of "Happy Birthday" for Will. Karl was a "character" in the absolute best sense of the word, and we will all miss him terribly. (We can just hear him saying, "I know.") With much love, Suzanne and Will Byerly and Gay, Nicole, Jacob, and Luci Warner*

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**Suzanne Byerly** - October 27, 2010 at 08:23 PM