



Kim Alan Leatherman

October 9, 1946 - May 9, 2014

Kim Alan Leatherman, of Easton, MD, passed away on Friday, May 9, from pulmonary fibrosis. He was 67 years old.

A native of Baltimore, Kim was the oldest of five children born to Edward Gordon Leatherman and Joan Shumaker Leatherman. He started a landscaping business while still in high school and maintained many commercial and residential service contracts in northern Baltimore City and Baltimore County. He entered the U.S. National Guard in 1966, and after basic training at Fort Bragg, NC, served several months active duty until an injury precipitated his honorary discharge.

In 1970, Kim moved to Talbot County to open a landscaping nursery, Leatherman Nurseries, which endured as one of largest landscape contracting businesses on the Eastern Shore until he sold it in 1990. In addition to the landscape business, Kim became a real estate broker with Meredith Real Estate in 1975, and during the 1980s, earned licensure as a professional auctioneer. In the past three decades, he also partnered with business associates and friends in small and large-scale entrepreneurial ventures in such industries as waste management, commercial kitchen equipment, real estate development, auction sales, and commercial real estate.

Kim married Gail Donaway in 1981, and they lived for several years in

Bozman MD, with their two sons, Sean Gordon Leatherman and Travis Reece Leatherman. The family later moved to St. Michaels and then Easton. The marriage ended in divorce in 2006.

In addition to his many business ventures, Kim was active in civic affairs. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Easton and was a co-founder of the former Banner Educational Foundation, which supported St. Michaels Elementary and Middle schools. He also became very involved with the Boy Scouts, and later with fundraising and other promotional activities as a parent volunteer for The Gunston School.

In more recent years, Kim was best known for his highly-rated landscaping business, Leatherman Landscaping, and for his superior auctioneering skills. With the assistance of his partner, Kate Gallagher, he gained a loyal following in charity auctioneering among dozens of schools and nonprofits on the Eastern Shore and in Annapolis. Organizations that benefitted from Kim's creative and enthusiasm as an auctioneer include Habitat for Humanity-Choptank, Gunston School, Wye River Upper School, Saints Peter and Paul School, Friends of the Lighthouse Shelter, Evergreen: A Center for Balanced Living, The Avalon Foundation's Plein Air Festival, Talisman Therapeutic Riding, Chesapeake Film Festival, and many others.

Throughout his life, Kim was much loved and relied upon by his siblings, his sons, his many friends, his employees and members of his extended Leatherman-Donaway-Gallagher family. Kim's engagement in his various business endeavors was his pleasure as well as his work, but he also enjoyed spending leisure time in Washington, DC, Baltimore, and Florida. Exceptionally gregarious and fun-loving, he also was greatly appreciated for his considerable personal generosity, his boundless energy and work ethic, and his absolute dedication to his family, friends and employees.

In addition to his sons, Sean and his partner, Kelsie Marsh, and Travis and his wife, Ricca, Kim is survived by his brother, Kraig Leatherman; his three sisters, Kater Leatherman, Kristan Leatherman and her husband, Patrick Giammarise; and Kerry Dunnington and her husband, Nick; Kate Gallagher and her daughters, Grace and Faith Gallagher; his nephews, Connor and Garrett Leatherman; and his niece, Keelinn Leatherman.

In keeping with his wishes, a celebration of Kim's life is planned for 4 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at the Inn at 202 Dover Street in Easton, MD. Questions regarding this occasion and/or charitable contributions in Kim's memory may be directed to Kate Gallagher, kategallagher0717@gmail.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kim Alan Leatherman*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Kim Alan Leatherman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Kim Alan Leatherman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My fondest memories of Kim were when I was discharged from the Army during the Vletnam War era and attending college and tending bar some nights , and I needed a place to stay. Kim fixed up his basement at his house in Ruxton and I stayed there for a while. I also have great memories of many fun times with Kim David Perry*

David Perry - May 26, 2014 at 05:07 PM

LG

“ We all have acquaintances.....But on my right hand I count my true friends.. I'm missing one now.We were RocketsRuxton Rockets chasing girls when we were 16.....(your were always a lady's man) .I remember you cutting school to grow your landscaping business.,a true pioneer.way ahead of your time.
Thank you for all the great Bozman adventures,and the Beggars Banquet in Easton as the the consummate host you always were. We lost touch for a few years, but reunited one steamy July in St Michaels ,and just picked up where we left off. We had great fun with Family crab feasts (every July), Icy Cold beer (of course),golfing (where's your cell phone),,boating (The Carolina Beauty), dinners,red tomatoes, kids,
Your keen business mind was engaging as we shared business strategies. And of course by your side alway was your Angel Kate i'm saddened that your gone ,but treasure the 50 plus years I knew you.Rest in Peace My Friend.
Lou Gerber

Lou Gerber - May 15, 2014 at 03:04 PM

DF

“ We had so much fun with Kim and his family. Our kids were in Scouts, school and soccer together. We boated on the Miles River. Ate bushels of crabs with cold beer. Helped each other move. Kim, Gale, Sean and Travis were our best friends in St. Michaels....Kim, was a man on a mission, or should I say, multiple missions. A man of strong opinions and creative ideas who shared his passions in many ways. His success lies in the all the lives he touched and influenced.

Sean and Travis....your father's laughter will ring in my ears for a lifetime. We had some incredibly wonderful times together. Love to both of you and your growing family. Lean on one another as you come to terms with your father's passing. Sean, know that your child will surely have angel watching over her.

Donna Fava - May 14, 2014 at 09:40 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Healy lit a candle in memory of Kim Alan Leatherman



Jennifer Healy - May 13, 2014 at 08:03 PM

JH

Just spoke with my boys who spent many years in the cub scouts and boy scouts here in St Michaels with Kim. The candle is green to honor that generous donation of time with the scouts. Sean and Travis you are both in my prayers...Jennifer Healy

Jennifer Healy - May 13, 2014 at 08:09 PM

SM

“ *What a fabulous dancer Kim was when we were all attending Mrs. Farber's dancing classes. A fun, gregarious young man I had the pleasure of meeting again several years ago. Kate I am so sorry for your loss.*

Susan Gelston Mink

Susan Gelston Mink - May 13, 2014 at 07:33 PM

DF

“ *well we had a great time growing up sorry to hear this*

Don Fenhagen - May 13, 2014 at 02:50 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Kim
Alan Leatherman*



Doug Pierson - May 13, 2014 at 09:38 AM

MS

“ *Kate, I am so sorry to hear of Kim's passing. He was a wonderful man and we will miss him dearly. Please let us know if we can do anything for you or your family. Fondly, Maureen and Ian Scott-Taylor*

maureen scott-taylor - May 13, 2014 at 06:45 AM

MB

“ I met Kim only once. He and Kate came to my daughter Allison's December wedding 5 years ago. Warm, friendly and a great dancer! He twirled me around the dance floor with such energy and flare!! It was a night to remember, and Kim left an indelible impression. I am crying inside for Kate, Grace and Faith and Kim's sons. My daughters Allison and Micki send our love and deepest sympathies to all.

Margaret Bridge

Margaret Bridge - May 12, 2014 at 07:38 PM

JC

“ Kim had this house in Ruxton in the 70's .i have memories from there that will never die. They were all good. Kim was always a hoot, lots of fun. We will all miss him John Coale.

john coale - May 12, 2014 at 04:48 PM

DF

Yes he did great house great times

Don Fenhagen - May 13, 2014 at 02:51 PM

SS

“ Kim was like a brother-in-law because Kate is like a sister. He always showed great interest in what I and my son were doing. So personable and generous. I remember his energy, always moving. My deepest sympathy to everyone else who loved him.



Sheryl Southwick - May 12, 2014 at 03:04 PM

BS

“ Kim was a wonderful landscaper and over the years, became a friend as well as a trusted vendor. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Barbara Spector

Barbara Spector - May 12, 2014 at 11:37 AM

AB

“ Alex And Nancy Borga lit a candle in memory of Kim Alan Leatherman



Alex and Nancy Borga - May 11, 2014 at 03:50 PM