



Larry Lent

December 30, 1947 - December 20, 2013

Lawrence Gregory Lent, 65, of Versailles, Missouri passed away December 20, 2013 with his family by his side. He was born December 30, 1947, in Elmira, NY and primarily lived on the East Coast until moving to Missouri in 1988, where he met and married Karla Yeary Lent on December 15, 1990.

Larry was a strong advocate of education and received a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska in 1985, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Trinity College of Vermont in 1986, a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Saint Michael's College in Vermont in 1988 and a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Missouri in 1997.

His career path followed his education and early on he managed commercial farms and owned a dairy farm in Maine. After moving to Missouri, Larry managed numerous outpatient mental health clinics focusing on mental wellness and chemical dependency treatment for adults and children. Finishing his career, before retiring in 2010, he was a Professor of Psychology for twenty years at various colleges including Columbia College and Missouri Valley.

Larry is survived by his wife of 23 years Karla Yeary Lent, his children Eric Lent of Versailles, Tammy Palmer and son-in-law Terry Palmer of Stover, Sydney Lent of Republic, Missouri and Ali Lent of the home; his grandchildren

Eric Lee Lawrence Lent, Jacob Lee Palmer and Megan Yvonne Palmer and his brother Chris Lent and sister Mary Jo Hayman of Elkton, Maryland. Larry was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Helen Lent.

The Lent family established Lentluck Farm in 1992 and raised Belgian horses. Larry loved driving and training his Belgians and having a “full wagon” for parades and celebrations. He could be seen all through Versailles driving his horses and he loved sharing his knowledge and skill with others who wanted to learn to drive a team. His newest venture and love was raising the Lentluck Bloodhounds which the family will continue.

There are not adequate words to describe Larry and how he will be missed by his wife, kids, family and friends. He loved Eric, Tammy, Sydney, Ali and Karla with his whole being. His children and family were the center of his universe and he ensured that family traditions and memories were a part of everyday life for them. Larry encouraged family, friends and students to push their personal limits and to follow their dreams. He encouraged everyone to expand their education and to reach further for themselves. One of his favorite sayings and how he lived his life, “Just do it!”

Friends and family are welcome to visit with the Lent family at their home at 1309 W. Newton on Saturday January 4th anytime between 11am – 3pm for a celebration of Larry’s life. This will be an informal gathering to share memories, love, hugs, stories and photos.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be contributed to a college fund set up for Ali Lent at Citizens Bank in Versailles.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Lent Family Home
1309 West Newton St.
Versailles, MO 65084

Tribute Wall

LP

“ Not much time goes by when Larry doesn't come to my mind. An amazing person, he helped me to understand and believe in myself at a time that I had difficulty even looking in the mirror. With his encouraging compassion, I was able to visualize a different life...one that had meaning and substance. I will always treasure my time with him and his loving family. I believe with all my heart that his care and tough-love compassion saved my life in more ways than one. Many blessings and my heartfelt condolences to Karla and family.

Lynn Pasewark - February 12, 2014 at 04:52 AM

“ Message to Larry: " I have to tell you that we were talking about you on our way to St. Louis today. No matter what he'd admit, Bill had a tear at the corner of each eye. He's going to miss you badly. I'm hoping that we'll keep the fires burning one day at a time. We'll not ask for the answers we can't have, but we'll "figure shit out." (yes, i meant to say it this way.) You stood for your principles and I want to tell you that, no matter what the front-row hypocrites say, THAT is what Faith really is. Your influence on people was ...well...something like the effect of a pyromaniac kid with a book of matches. You lit little fires everywhere, and the world is better for it, and i am so much better for having known you. I didn't wait to say these things until now, but unlike you, i didn't write them down in a journal. I had a dream one night, when i fell asleep with a sci-fi TV show playing. I dreamed that as you got to Heaven, you looked around and said, 'Far Out!'"

I Corinthians 13 , all of it: you knew that there were a lot of noisy gongs and cymbals clashing, and you knew why that was. The religion that hitches up the Belgians and gives rides, that makes magic in the spirits of students who may not have been so sure that they came to learn, but who became almost infected by the love of it.... that's the kind of religion i want. They say that we are looking through a glass darkly, but that glass is not a window but a mirror. We are, in effect, looking at ourselves when we seek God, and we are looking at an image that we don't even realize is backwards. Just recently, i attended the funeral of a well-respected man, and i was struck by how badly the pastor missed the mark. I left with a feeling of disilusionment, and Bill and i had a discussion about this. I think you came over shortly after this occurrence and we actually had a short conversation on the topic (before getting back to horses and Bloodhounds and other important things.)

(Sorry for having too many words.)

I can just imagine , and give me some poetic license here, you being greeted by the ungrammatical, but thoroughly understandable proclamation:

'You done good, Lent."

Klm Schotte - January 05, 2014 at 11:44 PM

RK

“ *The first time my husband and I met Larry and his friend, they were driving down a highway with his horses in the trailer that said "Belgian horses", my husband had never seen a belgian, so we followed them, they pulled into a gas station for stuff. We sat in our truck and like children, it was " you go ask him to see the horses" this went on between us until they came out of the store. We both finally got the courage to ask if my husband could see the horses, and of coarse Larry smiled and said "sure". We all became friends, to the point, we asked if he would bring us back two colts when he went back to South Dakota, and he did. Larry and his wonderful wife, invited us into there home for get togethers. Larry will always be remebered as a great person and a wonderfull horseman.*

Allen and Renee Kenning

Renee Kenning - January 03, 2014 at 09:56 PM

NI

“ *Because of Larry Lent I was able to have confidence in myself and the work I do today. His method and approach to psych was inspirational. He was the most intelligent person I've had the pleasure to meet. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Nicole Allison Hall

nicole - January 03, 2014 at 09:06 PM

SW

“ Larry Lent is the reason I am the strong person I am today. Im a Social Worker and have a degree in psych and have the knowledge of this because Larry helped me open my mind and he explained things so well and had a way of attaching the thoughts to something already in your brain. By doing this he helped me gain self esteem that I had none of. none of my assignments in his class was making a chart of four people that made me the person I am today. Along with my mom and a pastor and aunt was Larry Lent. He had a rough way at times of getting things across but he was one of the best teachers I've ever had. May God bless him and his family!

Sally Wood - January 03, 2014 at 06:17 PM

SB

“ This is such sad news. I worked alonside Larry in the Psychology department at MoVal and he was truly the best colleague I could have asked for! We collaborated on so many projects and we had so much fun doing them all! Larry added a special and unique aspect to the psychology club as he introduced his beautiful horses to the students (and to me). I hold so many memories with Larry...laughing and sharing stories of life, family, and the field we both love. He had a gentle, loving, but firm way of relating to everyone. His approach was direct but he always had a twinkle in his eye. I valued so much of how he related to the students and his students truly loved and admired him...as did !!!! I have thought about Larry often over the years, and he will be missed dearly.

To his wife and kids...I am very sorry for your loss...he was truly one of a kind!!!

Sally Berger

Sally Berger - January 03, 2014 at 05:46 PM

MC

“ He is the main reason I am continuing my education to become a Psychologist. The only teacher who allowed me to open my mind and find myself. He gave me advice on my problems and was an AMAZING teacher. My heart truly goes out to his family. The day he left Missouri Valley I gave him the biggest hug, knowing he wasn't really a hugger. Favorite teacher of all time. I learned more with him as a teacher than anything. God has truly received another angel and there needs to be more people like him in the world. I love you Professor Lent, thank you for sharing your wisdom with us all.

Marquia Caldwell - January 03, 2014 at 03:23 PM

LG

“ When Larry taught at Missouri Valley College, I could always count on our engaging in stimulating conversations. He was straight-forward. Larry had a positive effect on his students, as their tributes attest.

Loren Gruber, Professor Emeritus, Missouri Valley College

Loren Gruber - January 03, 2014 at 03:02 PM

KN

“ The world needs more men like Larry Lent. I majored in psychology and I took many of his courses. It was an honor. His methods were useful and unique. He was truly one of a kind. My sympathy goes out to his Family & Friends. ALOHA OE DR LENT

kaipo nobriga - January 03, 2014 at 11:21 AM

JM

“ *Julie Myers lit a candle in memory of Larry
Lent*



Julie Myers - January 03, 2014 at 12:40 AM

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kaipo nobriga - January 03, 2014 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ I'm at a loss.... Dr. Lent was an amazing man, an amazing teacher and for me a mentor. He touched the lives of so many of his students. He wanted us to succeed and he believed in us, in me, even when we didn't believe in ourselves. Dr. Lent is a huge reason that I went on to get my masters degree in counseling. He told me that I could do it and he was right! You always knew where you stood with Dr. Lent! He never candy coated anything! And if you asked him for his advice or opinion you knew he would tell you exactly what he thought! He loved life! He loved his family! He loved his horses! For the last few years I have not been in contact with Dr. Lent but I have thought of him often when taking a psychology class, when thinking outside of the box, and yes when looking at things that made me somewhat uncomfortable. My thoughts and my prayers are with his wife, children and family. I just want you to know that he truly touched the lives of so many of us! He made us better students, helped us realize our goals and believed in us. He was one of my mentors. I will miss him, but I will carry the lessons he taught me in psychology and in life with me forever.

*Julie Myers
Missouri Valley College Graduate
2008*

Julie Myers - January 03, 2014 at 12:35 AM

SC

“ I’m struggling to find the right words or enough words to express the special place that Dr. Lent holds in my heart. He was an amazing teacher, wonderful mentor, and an unforgettable soul. I double majored in Psychology and Alcohol & Drug Studies which made me fortunate enough to take lots of his classes. He kept things simple, if you put forth the effort and showed up for class, that’s all you needed. He believed in each and every student that they could go on to get their master’s and doctorate degrees no matter your skill level, academic background, financial background or family background. He always had an open door, was straightforward, and honest. He believed in second chances, believed and spoke of highly of his family, and had a love for horses. I was president of the psychology club my junior year and Dr. Lent helped me organize events for the club such as the MoVal Homecoming and Lawrence, KS parades. He helped teach us valuable lessons through the process of hooking up the gigantic, gentle giant Belgian horses, even when we cleaned the stalls. He knew how to build character and he himself was a character, an unforgettable one. I completed my Master’s degree December 2012 in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. While completing my master’s, I couldn’t wait until I was done so I could brag to him that I did it and I did it while working full time. Unfortunately, I was not able to locate him to tell him but I will pray that knows.

To each of his family, he talked about you all the time in class, he loved you so much. I will continue to think and pray for you all. If there is anything, anything at all that I can do, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me. God Bless...

Sarah Caldwell
MoVal Class of 2008



Sarah Caldwell - January 02, 2014 at 10:52 PM



Steph
O'Neill

*I feel the exact same way , I cannot find the words to describe how amazing he was . He taught me so much that I am forever thankful . Best professor ever . God bless your family and I am so deeply sorry for your loss .
Stephanie O'Neill
Moval class of 2010*

Steph O'Neill - January 03, 2014 at 12:43 PM

LH

“ *I am so sad, he was my favorite professor and we shared the love of horses....I am so upset right now, I am so very sorry to hear this.*

Liz Heinz - January 02, 2014 at 10:20 PM

SG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Lents' family and friends. I had the pleasure of having Dr. Lent as a professor and he will forever have a place in my heart. Dr. Lent had a passion for teaching in a way that no other professor could ever compare too. He would often talk about his children, in which his eyes expressed his love for them. I had the privledge to attend one of the parades with the psychology club through Missouri Valley College and what a thrill and experience it was. Was in total show when he told me to muck a stall and when he handed me the reigns of the Belgian horses during the parade! Dr. Lent thank you for the encouragement you offered me, the honest life experiences you shared, and for the challenges and fears you forced me to face! May God wrap his arms tightly around the Lent family during this time! - Sandy Brockman-Gordon , Mo Val Class of 2009-*

sandy gordon - January 02, 2014 at 09:37 PM

AF

“ *Condolences to professor Lent's family he was a great man and an awesome teacher he pushed me tremendously and taught me to be on time for everything lol. I paid a quarter everytime I was late for class lol trust I caught on real quick lol. Love him for that he always made class interesting . He will surely be missed*

angelica forbes - January 02, 2014 at 09:34 PM



“ *I was very blessed to have been a student of Dr. Lent's. I only had the opportunity to know him for a short time but his support, encouragement, and thoughtfulness made a profound impression on me. I have been trying to locate him to thank him for what a positive role model he was but I am sure he is aware of it now. God bless you and your family.*
Sincerely,
Boyna Bear

Boyna Bear - January 02, 2014 at 09:26 PM

AR

“ *To the Lent family...*
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I have a lot of good memories with your family at all the horse shows and I know that Larry was one proud dad of his girls and entire family. Peace to you all during this time and our sympathy to each of you from all your horse friends in SW Missouri. God Bless!
-Alecia Robinson

Alecia Robinson - December 31, 2013 at 09:36 AM

ES

“ To Dr. Lent’s Family-

I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Lent’s passing. I was a student of his at Missouri Valley and looked forward to his classes everyday. He was an amazing teacher that brought the world of psychology alive! His passion, energy, and attitude was one of a kind. As a gift to him upon my graduation, I had my mother sketch a picture of him with his team of horses as a “thank you” for the great job and meaningful impact he had on my life. Even after graduation I enjoyed stopping into his office to catch up and of course, get much needed guidance and advice. Please know how much I respected him and felt honored to know him. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Erica Sims

Marshall, MO

Erica Sims - December 30, 2013 at 09:41 PM

CA

“ Karla,

My family’s thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Larry passed so much wisdom and strength into the lives of so many people. He was a great mentor and courageous teacher. He will be greatly missed.

Caren Andrews-Raeder

Caren Andrews - December 30, 2013 at 10:36 AM

JF

“ Karla and family, words can not express the sincere sadness we share in hearing of Larry’s passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Please know that we would be honored to help your family in any way we possibly can. God bless each of you. Jack, Barb and Maddie Farris

Jack Farris - December 29, 2013 at 11:55 AM

TC

“ Larry was my mentor at Missouri Valley I have so many fond memories he had a large impact on my life. I rodeo and we shared a great love of horses.

Ty Cleveland - December 28, 2013 at 09:20 PM

TH

“ Tammy Hester lit a candle in memory of Larry Lent



Tammy Hester - December 27, 2013 at 07:50 AM