



Kelton Green

August 25, 1953 - July 26, 2011

Memorial Service

Saturday

July 30, 2011, 2:00 PM

at

U.T. Alumni center

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Comments



“ So sad. I was unaware until now that he had died.

A part of me has died with him. I was named after Kelton's dad (Morris) whilst he was stationed at Burtonwood in UK during the war. My parents 'looked after' him like a family member whilst he was so far from his family in Texas.

My mother and Morris and Opalee corresponded for many years and I contacted Kelton in 1998, wanting to update my 'family' background.

So sorry for his family's loss.

Best wishes from Spain.

Morris

Morris Gray - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Kelton Morris Green.

August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A Tribute to Kelton Green

By: Morris Green

7/30/2011

Many of you knew my dad and know he is a man of fewer words than most. and if you know me ? I am the complete opposite, I can and will talk your ear off. My dad never found words necessary because his actions communicated his thoughts and guidance very clearly. In school we are taught in such a direct way ? teachers speak, students read, investigate and regurgitate. The cycle repeats. This was the way I used to learn and retain information.

Well, when my dad was diagnosed with inoperable & terminal lung cancer in the Fall of 2009 ? I began to get very anxious. Although I am biased, I truly believe my dad is one of smartest people I have ever encountered. I wanted to know all the secrets to life; how to find my soulmate, how to know when I will be ready for kids, how to stake out my career. These questions plagued me because the man with all the answers now had an expiration date. I expected him to spill all the answers. I longed for him to. And that?s when I realized I was being ignorant ? this man was a walking example of how to be a great person, no words necessary. It was eye-opening that instead of listening to him dictate, all I have to do is play follow the leader and pick up the advice as he dispensed it through action.

So today as we celebrate Kelly Green?s life - I want to reveal the 6 greatest principles I have learned from my dad from the man he is. I feel honored that I get to expose these things that have been passed to me.

PREPARATION

- my dad had a plan for everything. And although many went unnoticed, I?m fairly certain he had a back up plan for ?just-in-case? scenarios. He established early on how the right preparation led to an excellent sense of direction and an impenetrable shield of confidence. He demonstrated this in all facets of life ? whether he was a scratch golfer in his younger years where he would WALK 54 holes in an afternoon of practice. Or he had a meeting with President Powers of UT ? where he would have all bases covered and talking points pinned down. He was a true example of calculated planning and his successes are evidence of the advantages of doing so.

MORALITY

-my dad's moral compass was one of the most admirable things I knew about him. My mother recalls this story better than I but one time we were driving down the 183 freeway when my dad saw two women on the opposite side who had a flat tire. It would have been very logical to just continue to our exit but my dad insisted we exit immediately and do a U Turn to get to the girls stranded vehicle. When we got there someone else had pulled over to help them ? it never bothered him that he back-tracked for no reason ? it was the feeling that he made sure the situation was under control and he wouldn't wish he had ?done something? or ?regret? later. He righted situations with determination whenever he sensed guilt on his part ? although this was rare. He always repaired wrongs he may or may not have committed. He donated time and sweat equity when he was free of personal projects. I played on a soccer club for many years ? and quite a few times he would go out to the fields and work on them by mowing, or adding dirt, or generally cleaning up the facilities. He made baby toys and Nativity scenes during Christmas to be donated to the less fortunate. I later asked for his views of community service ? he humbly told me ?it's more fun and productive than sitting at home & twiddling his thumbs and eating cheetos in his underwear?. He never thought twice about helping others and never asked for any sort of recognition. He was a solid citizen with a heart to match. He was true to himself and the moral codes we should all live by. To this day I can't tell a lie without having back-end anxiety about it ? this is the same feeling I know my dad felt.

PERSEVERANCE

- Practically every Sunday from when I was in 7th grade until I graduated high school ? I played golf with my father. And not just any type of golf but 7am tee times and ready golf which means you ca



“ I worked with Kelton at the State Auditor's Office from 1990 to 2005, except for his time at the OAG, and we sat next to each other in the new building beginning in 2000. He used to call me "TR" in his deep voice and I'd call him "KG" in return. In addition to work, much of it on higher education, we shared golf stories and knee injuries. Working with Kelton was always enjoyable and often involved great laughter.

I regret that I missed the memorial service, but I was out of town helping my mother take care of some things as my father passed away in February. I can only imagine what their meeting would be like.

My best to Judy and the rest of the family.

Tony Rose - August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Judy,

Our heartfelt condolences. I always enjoyed talking to you and Kelton.

John & Sheri Karol

John Karol - August 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A friend and family man was Mr Kelton Green. A fierce competitor on the Golf Course.

Godspeed to the family.

Tony Patrick - August 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kelton,

When I started in audit four years ago, you took the time to teach me the people part of auditing and I will never forget it. Being a young and recently married man, you took the time to sit down and give me advice about my marriage and raising kids that I'll never forget. Thank you for all you did for me. I never told you this, but you always reminded me of my dad. My prayers are with your family.

Will

P.s. Thanks for all the funny stories and good laughs!

Will koenig - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was lucky enough to work with Kelton at the State Auditor's Office for several years. He called me Fuzzy because I was so cold I put a sheepskin cover on my office chair. I really enjoyed working with him.

Morris, your speech at the memorial service was wonderful. Touching, funny, eloquent -- I don't have the adjectives to describe it. Any chance you could post it. I would love to read it again and share it with others who couldn't attend.

All my best to all of Kelton's family.

Linda Lansdowne - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for sharing his story with us. I worked with Kelton at the State Auditor's Office from about 1990 till 2005. We never worked together on an audit, but officed near each other and worked together on a few committees. I really enjoyed his sense of humor and the lightness that he brought to the most tedious tasks.

My deepest sympathies to his family.

Rachel Cohen - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with great sadness that i hear of Kelton's death. My deepest sympathy to his wife and family. I was friends with Kelton during my high school days and he was such a great guy I just knew he would turn out to be such a fine man as I read his written story. God Bless him and his family.

Joel

Joel Martinez - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sad to learn that my old childhood friend has passed away. His family and my family visited in the 1950's & early 60's and I was a big kid before I learned he wasn't my cousin. I remember well the old station wagon he talks about in his story and also his love of the Yankees and Mickey Mantle in particular. I also recall that he & his family went through a hurricane which came through Brownsville in the 60s--perhaps he wanted to forget that memory! Kelly (as we always called him back then) was a sweet sweet boy with a beautiful smile (especially with those dimples!) and always cheerful.

We had many fun times playing together as children, along with his brother, Keith, and my little sister, Gay, who joins me in sending our sympathy at this difficult time. With love and fond memories, Jeannine

Jeannine Hoppe Miller - July 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Kelton as a colleague at UT Internal Audit. He was a dedicated auditor to those he served and the internal audit profession as a whole. I appreciate my brief time that I worked with him and the knowledge he passed along to me. Such conscientious commitment will be a valued legacy to others like me, but I know he meant so much more to his family and friends who he touched personally. My deepest condolences to all of you in this time of loss and need.

Marcus Horton - July 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Judy

We are very sorry to hear about Kellys passing,our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.It was

very nice we saw you ,kelly

and the kids at the Texas Moon last year and fun talking about the good old days,and i think the kids enjoyed that

Sincerely

Fergy

David&Colleen Ferguson - July 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kel was the best "hubby" a sister wife and roommate could ask for. There is not enough room for me to share what a huge part he played in my life...Who is going to ask me, "are you going like that," after I had spent lots of time getting ready to go somewhere? Who is going to hide a centipede instead of money in an Easter egg, just to hear one of the kids shriek? Who, after telling Judy I could move in with them, is going to ask, "so how long are you staying" and when I answered, "permanently" would then say, "Nah, really, how long are you staying?" Kelton was my brother, advisor and friend and I will always have a hole in my heart that only he could fill. I miss you Kel - Love, Lucy

Ellen Cave - July 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Will always cherish the good times we had playing golf, cards, drinking an occassional beer and "fishing".

John B. Smith - July 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I feel honored to have had Kelton as a colleague, at the State Auditor's Office, and as a friend with whom I played many rounds of golf. See you at the 19th Hole. My best to Judy, Morris and Sarah.

Dan Wattles - July 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM