



Dusty Kline

January 22, 1936 - October 11, 2018

Lawrence M. (Dusty) Kline was born in Baker, OR, to Morris William Kline and Camille Kline. He lived in McCall and Boise, ID, until the age of 4 when the family moved to their ranch in Sumpter Valley, OR.

Dusty's elementary school education took place in a one room school house in McEwen, OR, with 7 other students, most of whom rode their horses 3 miles to the school. For 6th and 7th grades he attended Baker Junior High about an hour's bus ride from the ranch. Sometimes in the winter he couldn't get to school because of the snow, and sometimes he couldn't get home for three to five days.

His freshman and sophomore years were spent at Sandpoint High in Idaho where his father was the football coach whom Pro Footballer Jerry Kramer cited as having a big influence on his life. Dusty spent his junior year in Moscow, ID, where he played football, baseball, and basketball, and ran track. Senior year was spent in Portland, OR, at Franklin High School. During high school seasons he lived in the various cities where his parents taught school, returning to the ranch in summer for haying and other ranch work and for work with the US Forest Service. He raised and showed beef cattle through 4H clubs and then changed to showing purebred Angus all over Oregon. He also broke and trained horses for the superintendent of the Sumpter Valley Dredge Co. and for himself.

Dusty majored in Biology at the University of Idaho on a football scholarship. When he suffered the first of many knee injuries, he lost his athletic scholarship, so he transferred to the U of Portland where he worked in construction and drove a Greyhound tour bus. In 1959 he married Barbara Dockstader and transferred to University of Oregon because it was the only school that had a human anatomy course with cadavers. He graduated in 1959 with a BS in anatomy and physiology.

For 2 years Dusty coached football and taught at Klamath High School while he worked on a graduate degree in physiology. In 1963 he started work for The Dow Chemical Company in their pharmaceutical division, working in sales and eventually transferring to OHSU Health Sciences hospital. There he worked in research, PR, and teaching, and he added many hours of continuing medical education to his resume.

Dusty and Barbara had a daughter, Toni (now deceased) and a son, Scott. Much of Dusty's free time was spent working extensively with the Boy Scouts of America: camping, canoeing, and climbing mountains with Scott and the rest of the troop. Scott enjoyed ski racing, so Dusty became a USAA ski official working at ski races all over the Northwest and northern CA. At the same time he was on the Cascade Ski Clubs Board of Directors.

In 1989 he retired from Dow and went to work for a spin off company, Marion Merrell Dow which required a transfer to the Medford area. Barbara died in March of 1993 and Dusty retired for good in Dec. 1995.

In 1996 he met and married Nancy Standish Ross, a longtime Medford resident (and transplant from New England). Dusty and Nancy traveled extensively to many foreign countries and throughout the US, visiting family and friends. He convinced Nancy to give up tennis for golf, and they became active members of the Rogue Valley Country Club, serving on various committees and making many friends. Dusty played in the senior men's group and shot his age several times before ALS made him give up golf.

Dusty is survived by his wife Nancy, his son Scott (Lisa), his brothers Mike (Sue) and Dan (Vena), and Nancy's children Andy Ross, Susan Ross Knox (Brad), and Cynthia Ross Norris (Drew) as well as seven grandchildren who affectionately call him "Dusty Dog".

At his request, no service is planned. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Boy Scouts of America or to Hospice.