



Keith R. Hronek

July 31, 1968 - January 5, 2024

Keith Hronek of North Aurora, IL passed away on Friday, January 5, 2024, peacefully at home with his family. He was 55 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years Maxine (Snee), his daughter Chloé of Batavia IL and his son Sean of North Aurora IL. He is also survived by two brothers, Kevin (Greg Engles) Hronek and Kurt Hronek of Green Bay WI. His father-in-law, Daniel Snee of Sandwich IL, his sister in-law and brother in-law, Tom and Kelly Brinegar and their daughters Teagan and Savannah. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Patsy Hronek of Green Bay WI, mother-in-law Linda Snee of Sandwich IL, along with many beloved aunts and uncles.

Keith had a lifelong career in safety, most recently at Northwestern Medicine as Safety Manager of Delnor Hospital and Marian Joy. He also had many years working for the University of Illinois, Chicago. Keith was a born and bred Green Bay Packer fan. Football season was his favorite. He was a fan of all games, especially card games. He always looked forward to his poker games with his friends. But what he enjoyed most with friends was a good beer. He never showed up empty handed, there was always a new beer for you to try.

We'd like to thank Dr. Victor Medina and his team at Northwestern Medicine Cancer Center Delnor for their amazing care and support of Keith. The

nursing staff of the 2600 at Delnor Hospital along with all the staff that helped us through this time.

We will celebrate Keith on January 20th at Two Brothers Roundhouse, Aurora IL with lunch, stories, love and of course a good beer.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Keith's name to Northwestern Medicine Lurie Cancer Center for Research, <https://www.cancer.northwestern.edu/giving/ways-to-give.html>

Arrangements are entrusted to THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. 630-631-5500

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Keith R. Hronek



Daleiden Mortuary - January 08, 2024 at 06:31 PM

SP

Keith, simply put was an honorable man. Always kind, diplomatic, and positive. He treated everyone equally. We've lost a dear friend and former colleague. A leader in emergency management. What a great human being. You will always be missed my friend. Susan Powers

Susan Powers - January 09, 2024 at 11:50 AM

MN

This time of year always spurs the memory of sitting with Keith in front of the tv like a couple of kids, watching the '97 superbowl, Max and Mercedes sensibly seated on the sofa behind us. Then toasting the win with an awful doppelboch from the brewery in GB, pouring it down the drain and clinking all around with miller lites.

An immense loss of a man whom anyone could call 'friend'.

Mark Nylund - January 09, 2024 at 05:42 PM

KP

I had the great pleasure of working with Keith at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital as part of the Emergency Management Team. He was organized, informative, caring and responsive in his role. Plus, he was warm and funny. I am so sorry to his family for this great loss but so grateful I was able to experience some of his light.

Kim Pedersen - January 12, 2024 at 11:10 AM

LC

Oh my, we are so sorry to hear this. Steve and I send our love and condolences to you Max, and your family. We honor and respect your friendship over the years, and send you strength during this very difficult time.

Lisa and Steve Carrigan - January 12, 2024 at 01:07 PM

JM

I worked with Keith at the University of Illinois Medical Center on Safety initiatives and other issues that would rise to the level of hospital administration. He was honest, knowledgeable, and had great sense of humor. It was wonderful to reacquaint with him professionally with my position at IDPH. His impact in the field of Emergency Management/Preparedness & Response is palpable and profound. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Joyce McNamara - January 16, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Keith R. Hronek.

January 20, 2024 at 07:45 AM

SC

“ *Maxine & family - Heaven gained an amazing Packer fan.*

Keith and I went to UW-Whitewater and worked together back in the early 90's at Fermilab. Fond memories of Keith and all of the college and early 90's Fermilab shenanigans.

*Wishing you peace during this difficult time.
Sheila Collins*



Sheila Collins - January 17, 2024 at 06:08 PM

DI

*Dear Maxine, Kevin, Kurt, and family-
I hope you see this post although it's months after Keith's death. I'm so sorry for your loss and saddened to hear of his death. I dated him many, many years ago during our final UW-Whitewater years and beyond. His smile always lit up a room and my heart. Despite your loss, I'm so glad to see he had a wonderful family and such happiness in his life. You gave him joy and he was truly blessed. Again, so sorry for your loss.
-Diane Hayek*

Diane - March 17, 2024 at 12:04 AM

JR

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Keith's passing. My deepest condolences.*

Jenny Rapovich - January 15, 2024 at 02:46 PM

LS

“ *Keith and Max have been in life for almost 34yrs and have shared weddings, births, and everything in between they are my family. The laughs we have had in this lifetime will never be enough but so glad we had them. I am still in shock but now he is not in pain and he will still be looking down and watching out for his family. I know he's going to be gathering up all his favorite rock stars and getting the real scoop. I love you Keith, Max, Chloe, Sean, Dan.*

Leigh ann Sykes. - January 11, 2024 at 03:06 PM

EH

“ *Max"s please accept our family deepest condolences on your lost. He was the second person with in a week from Fermi to hear this sad new. Please stay strong and your family is in our prayers.
Ed Hagler*

Ed Hagler - January 09, 2024 at 01:24 PM

CL

“ I was so saddened to hear about Keith's passing. I worked with Keith at CDH on the 3East Wing. He was such a great guy, he had bold, lively personality and was so kind to everyone. (I was bummed when he went to work at Delnor) He used to coordinate our football pools and Super Bowl Square cards, before he left us. And boy, he did love those Packers!
My deepest condolences to Maxine and the family. I'm so sorry for your loss and thinking of you during this difficult time. Cindy Lasek

Cindy Lasek - January 09, 2024 at 12:04 PM

RZ

“ Oh my I just got the news.
Unbelievable
My condolences to you all.
Do you think he had a hand in the Packers beating the bears yesterday. 🍷
Max, looking forward to seeing you soon, lots of stories as you know.

Randy Zifko - January 08, 2024 at 10:15 PM

SB

“ Keith was a dear friend and mentor to me. We shared an office and a love of good music, old movies, and we never let a day go by without finding ourselves laughing so hard our sides hurt. A class act through and through, there will never be another guy quite like him. I'll miss his laugh, his love of a good craft beer, and his almost supernatural poker skills. I know our whole NM team will also miss the almost zen like calm he brought to tense meetings and situations, and I'm finding myself wondering how we're ever going to fill the void he left behind. Gone but never forgotten!

Samuel Boyle - January 08, 2024 at 08:22 PM