



Dr. Lane Jerry Brunner

June 23, 1963 - August 31, 2022

Lane Jerry Brunner passed away August 31st, 2022 with his family by side at Hospice of East Texas after battling brain cancer. Lane was born June 23rd, 1963 in Offenbach, Germany to Karin Wissig and Howard Ray Brunner.

He enjoyed a loving childhood full of travel before settling in Seattle, Washington where he began his lifelong career in Pharmacy research, graduating with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. During that time, he met his loving wife, Molly. He later completed his Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacy at the University of Georgia in 1995, specializing in pharmacokinetics.

Lane accomplished a tremendous amount throughout his career; he had multiple graduate and post-doctoral fellowships including research for NASA. He was proud to be the founding Dean of the Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy at The University of Texas at Tyler. He cherished his time at the university, especially the time he was able to spend working directly with his students. He inspired so many with his love for teaching and building a community. Lane had many interests including taekwondo, running, and photography. He was a car enthusiast, collector of art, and an experienced numismatist. Lane was the president of the Tyler Coin Club and always enjoyed sharing his knowledge and passion about coins. His dedication to education and sharing knowledge will be greatly missed.

Nicknamed by his wife “Mr. Happy Shiny Guy”, Lane loved to make people laugh with bad puns, dad jokes, and funny stories. His friends describe him as a leading light in their lives and a visionary.

Lane is survived by his parents, Karin and Ray; wife of 32 years Molly; and their three children, Jordan, Evan, and Lauren.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on September 3rd at 2:00 PM at the Braithwaite Recital Hall at The University of Texas at Tyler. Visitation is scheduled one hour prior to service.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Braithwaite Recital Hall at The University of Texas at Tyler
3900 University Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75799

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Lane Jerry Brunner



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 02, 2022 at 01:28 PM

RN

A great tribute to a life well lived and the spirit of a man well loved. How lucky we all have been to have been touched by that spirit. Thank you Molly and children for giving up time with him to share with all of us his colleagues. 💕

Ruthie Nemire - September 02, 2022 at 04:39 PM

PC

Beautiful tribute to an amazing man. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Molly and their family.

Peggy J Churchman - September 02, 2022 at 04:48 PM

CW

I have known Lane since his time in graduate school. He was a great student who always had a smile and a helping hand for everyone. Lane never met a stranger. As the years passed we saw each other at meetings and it was like no time had passed. Due to Covid we had not seen each other for several years. I missed seeing him at AACP this year and seeing all his photos of his family. He always spoke lovingly about his wife and kids and kept us updated about their accomplishments. He was so proud of his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Just remember as you all said goodbye their was another group of family and friends waiting on the other side to welcome him. Cathy White

Catherine White - September 03, 2022 at 07:15 AM

KW

I have know Lane a very long time since we were in graduate school together. Lane was my best friend and we spent many years together and spent many AAPS meetings sharing a hotel room. He had a big personality but a much bigger heart. Lane was thoughtful, caring and had passion for people. He always told me "Kish we do what we do for others" That was the man he was. I will miss him dearly and carry on his memory. As Muhammad Ali said "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth. Every day is different, and some days are better than others, but no matter how challenging the day, I get up and live it" Muhammad Ali, Hana Yasmeen Ali (2013). That was Lane in a nutshell. Rest in Peace Lane, Love Kish Wasan

Kishor M. Wasan - September 03, 2022 at 08:49 AM

JS

I have known Lane since graduate school and he was a good friend, making everyday a sunny day for all. Always smiling and willing to help all. I will miss him! Rest In Peace Lane, Love Jaymin Shah

jaymin shah - September 03, 2022 at 10:31 AM

FQ

Lane was a remarkably accomplished person who loved his family and was loved in return. These are the people that are so hard to lose.

Faith Quigley - September 04, 2022 at 09:38 PM

MK

This video truly depicts the person he was: Funny, intelligent, loving and adored his family. When visiting Molly and Lane recently, we were stopped by a pharmacy tech at a local store. He came from behind the counter to thank Lane for publishing a paper he had read, because otherwise he wouldn't have passed the class. His impact on his students, staff, friends and family will live on as his legacy. We'll all miss him greatly.

Marcie Kretzler - September 05, 2022 at 06:33 PM

NM

So sad to hear about this. I was a pharmacy intern with Lane at the VA Medical Center Puget Sound and bought the motorcycle from him that is used until I graduated. Lane and I worked shoulder-to-shoulder in a laminar-flow hood every weekend preparing IV antibiotics, total parental nutrition, and other IV solutions every single weekend for more than a year. This was back in the 1980s, so there are still dozens of songs from that era that, when they start playing, make me think immediately of him. May he rest in peace

neil mcdonnell - May 31, 2025 at 09:15 PM

SR

“ *I am deeply saddened by the passing of my dear friend and colleague. Despite the pressure of being the founding Dean, I recall his always-present smile and optimistic approach to life. He will be sorely missed. Srini*

Srini - September 15, 2022 at 10:10 AM

RV

“ *Dear Brunner family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Lane at California Northstate University College of Pharmacy - he was a wonderful colleague and mentor and he really helped me become a better teacher. During our time working together, he convinced me to run the Napa Valley marathon with him - I couldn't believe I actually did it, he was so motivational. Again, so sorry for this tragic loss. Ruth.*

Ruth Vinall - September 14, 2022 at 12:30 PM

DS

“ Dean Jose O. Rivera and UTEP SOP purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Lane Jerry Brunner.



Dean Jose O. Rivera and UTEP SOP - September 07, 2022 at 04:09 PM

JD

“ I first met Lane when he came to Georgia as a PhD student and worked under Stuart Feldman and me in Augusta. There are many fond memories from those years. Lane was a special person with his intellect and human spirit. Always the optimist - would never give up on what he felt was important. He taught me about good coffee, coins, gem stones, and much more. I will certainly miss him and his memory will stay with me. Molly and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Whenever I would see him he always talked about you.
Joe DiPiro



Joe DiPiro - September 07, 2022 at 10:13 AM

RO

“ Ross Obiagwu lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lane Jerry Brunner



Ross Obiagwu - September 06, 2022 at 06:46 PM

SR

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Lane in person but through our shared interest in numismatics I came to know him as a passionate and learned collector who was always happy to share in his knowledge. I am not surprised to learn that he was just as passionate and giving in all of his life's pursuits. May his memory always be a blessing to those lucky enough to have known him.

Sean Reynolds - September 05, 2022 at 01:09 PM

MM

“ To the Brunner Family: I am so sorry to learn of this profound loss of Dr. Lane Brunner. I had the privilege and honor to work with Lane at Regis University's School of Pharmacy as an administrative assistant. Molly's description of Lane as "Mr. Happy Shiny Guy" is just how I remember Lane. I can still hear his excited footsteps in the hall at the school as he left his office to share something with one of his colleagues. I treasure the stories and conversations he would take the time to share with me. My hope is that you find enduring comfort with the memories of Lane and knowing of the kindnesses and brightness he spread to those fortunate to have known him.
Megan Mahoney



Megan Mahoney - September 04, 2022 at 01:06 PM

RK

“ I had the privilege of being Dr. Brunner's student while he taught he kinetics. I had so many questions and struggled at first to understand the concepts. I would always go to his office to ask him questions he would patiently explain the concepts to me and get excited when he saw that I was getting it. Seeing him around the school with his smile and positive personality was a huge blessing. He was an amazing dean and really tried to get to know the students who attended the school. The world of pharmacy definitely lost a treasurer. Praying peace over his family and friends.

Rachel Koshy - September 03, 2022 at 07:07 PM

KL

“ Dear Molly and all of the family, I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with Lane when he was at UT Austin. He was such a joy to be with. I wish you peace and comfort during this most difficult time. Ken Lawson

Ken Lawson - September 03, 2022 at 04:50 PM

CO

“ Dear Molly, Jordan, Evan and Lauren - I am so sorry for your loss of Lane. He was truly a unique and amazing man who brought unique light, energy and enthusiasm to all his pursuits. He was immeasurably devoted to all of you, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to know him. Keeping you in thoughts and prayers - Carla O'Leary

Carla O'Leary - September 03, 2022 at 03:47 PM

LM

“ Remembering all the fun times. We used to secretly tell waiters that it was Lane's birthday. He always rolled his eyes and pretended to be disgusted, but he appreciated the prank (and I think he enjoyed all the free cake).



Leanne Merritt - September 03, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ Leanne and I used to love supporting Lane while he was running ultra marathons in Sacramento. Thanks for being a great friend and part of our lives ❤️



Thayer Merritt - September 03, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ To view a glimpse of Lane and family in photos reveals a wonderful man, son, father and husband. As neighbors and friends we watched Lane slowly decline but remain his jovial, happy self. Hawaiian shirts and Tom Yum soup will always remind us of Lane.

Molly, Jordan, Evan, Lauren, Ray and Karin, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Carl and Teresa Allgaier

Teresa Allgaier - September 02, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Dr. Lane Jerry Brunner.*



September 02, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Lane Jerry Brunner.*



September 02, 2022 at 07:53 PM



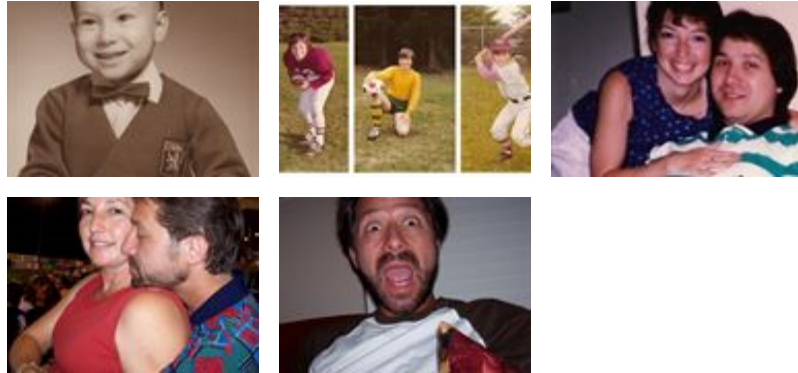
“ *I am so sorry to hear about Lane's passing. We had lots of great laughs, hard work and fun stories during the startup of the Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy. Many prayers of comfort for Molly and family.*



Holly Duhon - September 02, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ 112 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 02, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Lane Jerry Brunner.



September 02, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Dean Lane J. Brunner*



Pamella Ochoa - September 02, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Lane Jerry Brunner.*



September 02, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Dr. Brunner was a lovely human being. He treated everyone with respect and consideration from the first year student to the President of the University. He is an example for us all on how to treat each other. I am so sorry for your loss.*

D.Harp

Dorothy Harp - September 02, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Thank you for the memories and all you did for me and the TCC. I love you and will miss you terribly. May God welcome you with open arms and be with your family during this time.*

*Dwight Sowle
President Emeritus
Tyler Coin Club*

Dwight Sowle - September 02, 2022 at 10:23 AM