



## Herman Gerrit Kleiboer

November 3, 1942 - December 18, 2021

On Sunday, December 19th 2021, Herman Kleiboer, loving husband of Sally Kleiboer and father of five children, passed away at the age of 79.

Herman Kleiboer was born November 3, 1942 in the Netherlands to Johannes & Alida (Telgen) Kleiboer. He and his family emigrated to Canada after World War II and from there he eventually moved to Belleville, NY. He was married to his wife Sally Kleiboer for 18 years. He was the owner of Kleiboer Construction, a volunteer fireman at the Smithville fire department, and recently a foreman of a land clearing operation in Lakeland, Georgia.

Herman was a devoted family man and a friend to many people, of which he called family. He was an avid history buff, especially of World War II, and on many a Sunday he could be found in a museum with his children. After working a long day on the job site, he would spend time working on his flower beds full of roses, various flowers and especially tulips as a nod to his native homeland. In his younger days, he was an avid stock car racer on local dirt tracks. Some would say he still raced cars if you ever were a passenger in his vehicle. He loved playing sports especially golf, bowling, Nintendo Wii, and volleyball with his family, most likely sporting his trademark work boots and cutoff jeans.<sup>[L  
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At the age of 70 he switched careers and went into strictly land clearing. Many of the people that worked with him would talk about his work ethic and how he could out hustle them even in his later years. He loved living in Georgia with the warm weather and genuine southern hospitality.

Family came first for Herman. His love for Sally was apparent to all that met them. They would spend their Sundays drinking gourmet Bloody Marys made by Sally, trips to the beach, and impromptu dancing in the kitchen. He could be found dancing with Sally, where nothing else mattered, but the happiness they shared with each other as they moved so easily in sync, just as they did in life. He would pick up his grandchildren and dance in the kitchen to Billy the Bass singing. There are many stories about how he would surprise his children with unexpected visits or dropping in on relatives unannounced. Although he will no longer be with us; his values, work ethic, friendship, and love will be

with us forever.

He will be sadly missed by wife, Sally, five children: Kristen (Jeanne), Kara (Melinda), Katrina (Paul), Kirk (Erin), and Kyle (Michelle) Kleiboer as well as Sally's three children: Brian (Sherre), William (Miranda), and Tammy (Dave). Fifteen Grandchildren: Theresa, Da'Naya, Daelan, Breanna, Elizabeth, Anthony, Susan, Emmalee, May, Christopher, Kaitlyn, Mikayla, Brayden, Evelyn, and Dahlia. Siblings Gerry (Helen), Anne (Barry), Brian (Ellen), Butch (Shelly), brother-in-law Dave (Gail), and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, bonus parents Budd and Evelyn Baker, wife Susan, brothers Joe and Tony, sister Margo and sister-in-law Valerie.

A celebration of life will be held in Lakeland, Georgia and in Adams, NY in the month of July, both at a date to be announced. Kind words and expressions of sympathy can be left for the family at [www.musicfuneralservices.com](http://www.musicfuneralservices.com). The Kleiboer family is being served by the professional and caring staff of Music Funeral Services of Lakeland.

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear my friend. Cathy would keep me updated on your life. Maybe this year we can get together. Thinking of you at the heart breaking time.

**Jean Goodfriwnd** - December 25, 2021 at 08:29 AM

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“ Mrs. Fields Signature Heritage Pail was purchased for the family of Herman Gerrit Kleiboer.



December 23, 2021 at 07:56 PM

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“ Sally So sorry to hear about your husband passing. My condolences to you and all of the family. Rose(Brown) Reff

**Rose Reff** - December 23, 2021 at 07:39 PM

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“ Herman was the 'living' example of a good neighbor....when I got behind on the snow removal with my blower, Herman would come and plow out my driveway without wanting to be paid for his services. He simply said: 'That is what good neighbors do!' Our sympathy goes out to Sally and the children. With our love.....Loren & Lynn Widrick

**Loren Widrick** - December 23, 2021 at 03:21 PM

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“ Germ was always a friendly and helpful neighbor when he lived on Smithville road. He will be missed by all of the Lloyd and Wilma Perry family! R I P Herm!

**Denise Perry Bice** - December 23, 2021 at 11:01 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies to all the Kleiboer family and Sally. The memories and love will see you through this sad time.  
Sue Rudes

**Sue Rudes** - December 23, 2021 at 09:02 AM

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“ Dear Kleiboer Family

Our deepest sympathies. God Bless. Paul n Fiegl and Nikki Wilcox.



**paul fiegl** - December 23, 2021 at 08:27 AM

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“ Beth Glodfelter lit a candle in memory of Herman Gerrit Kleiboer



**Beth Glodfelter** - December 23, 2021 at 07:32 AM

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“ Oh how we will miss Herm. Our memories are of his and Sally's kindness , generosity and friendship. What a man! Sally and family, our deepest sympathies, prayers and condolences are with you. May God grant you all peace and comfort. With Love and Blessings, Rob and Ann Denney

**Ann Denney** - December 23, 2021 at 05:57 AM

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“ My memories of Herm, center around his friendship with my Father, Bob Kraemer. They forged a longtime friendship as they bowled on a league team and would travel to different cities on tournaments. A girl can learn plenty hanging out with those two! My Dad cherished Herm's family, often portraying SANTA for his littlest ones. As my Dad aged, Herm ALWAYS watched out for him and would welcome a daughter-chauffeured visit from my Dad to share a beer and a laugh or two. It was very fitting at 75 that Herm answered the family's request to carry his 91 year old pal to his final resting place. Herm was a GREAT man with simple values of HOME and FAMILY. Those were his driving force in his work as much as his play. He was a man who LOVED and he was a man who will never be forgotten fore having shared that love with all who are lucky enough to know him. My Dad will be so happy to see his truest FRIEND again.

**Elizabeth Ryder** - December 22, 2021 at 08:11 PM

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“ Herm shared with me how his family while living in the Netherlands helped Jewish and other nationalities during World War 2. Herm young at this period of time. He spoke of how people just disappeared. They were seen yesterday but all of a sudden they no longer existed. He spoke of how close he was to his family in Canada even though they lived many miles apart. Herm was a great supporter of the Smithville Volunteer Fire Department. Sally and Herm could be counted on to attend the Departments fundraisers. They wold dance the night away. Herm was a great man I respected and will miss.

**Robert Burnham** - December 22, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ Herm was a good man, always friendly and sociable. He was a diligent worker with a great attitude. My earliest memories of Herm were when he and Sue bowled in a Sinday coed league with my parents. Very sorry Sally and family. He will be missed.

**Barry Ormsby** - December 22, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ Dear Sally,

My deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your husband, Herm. I am so thankful you were able to spend time with him over the past few years.

**Jane Collins** - December 23, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ Dear Kristin,

I was saddened to read of the death of your father. I will keep him and the family in my prayers.

Sr. Noel Chabanel SSJ

**Sr. Noel Chabanel-Hentz** - December 25, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss. I met Herman when I was 14 years old & would see him on & off for decades. He was always the same, considerate, caring, fun & loved to dance. He was always happy to talk about his children & it is very nice to see that he has had a long & loving family life. May your memories bring you comfort in the difficult days to come.

**Mary O'Brien** - December 28, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ Condolences to Sally and all of Herm family.

Tim Kelly

**Tim Kelly** - December 28, 2021 at 08:30 PM