



## Mr. Lawrence Woodward "Luke" Franzheim III

June 17, 1953 - May 23, 2019

Lawrence Woodward "Luke" Franzheim III, 65 of Springfield, OH, formally of Wheeling, WV died on Thursday, May 23, 2019. He was born June 17, 1953, the son of the late Lawrence Woodward Franzheim Jr. and Elizabeth Hogan Franzheim.

Woody was a graduate of the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, NJ and a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He received a Masters Degree in Education for the Gifted and Talented from Appalachian State University. He went on to receive a Masters Degree in Psychology. Luke was curious by nature and dedicated to learning. He shared his enjoyment by becoming a teacher where he instructed countless students throughout Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia.

Luke had several passions within his life: nature conservation, spirituality and alternative medicine practices, protection of the history, rights, and lands of indigenous people and the advocacy for better access to mental health services to those who needed it. Above all, he embraced the spirit of "Wild Wonderful West Virginia" and was proud of his history and his heritage.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings: Elizabeth Franzheim, Jeffrey Renner Franzheim and William Hogan Franzheim.

He is survived by his daughter: Sarah Elizabeth Franzheim of Winston-Salem, NC; several aunts, uncles, cousins, host of friends and special feline companion: Canute.

Graveside service and interment will be held on Monday, June 3 2019, at 11:00 AM in Greenwood Cemetery in Wheeling, WV with the Reverend Margie Carr officiating.

Arrangements by Kepner Funeral Home, 900 National Road, Wheeling, WV (304-232-2732)

Memorial Contributions may be made to West Virginia Highlands Conservancy PO Box 306 Charleston, WV 25321, <https://wvhighlands.org/>

Online Condolences may be made to the family at [www.kepnerfuneral.com](http://www.kepnerfuneral.com)

# Cemetery

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## Greenwood Cemetery

1526 National Road  
Wheeling, WV, 26003

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## Graveside Service

11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Sarah, I was one of Mr. Franzheim's students in the 1980s. He challenged us to push our minds and hearts in ways that no other teacher thought of or dared to in our little town in rural Roane County, West Virginia. He got us out of our comfort zone and exposed us to resources beyond our community and state. So many things in my life, I can point back to his influence.

Also, I remember his joy when you were born!

Amy Hamric Weintraub

Amy Weintraub - June 14, 2019 at 01:56 PM

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“ Hi Sarah, Your dad, "Woody", and I were good friends in Wheeling, back in the 1960's. We have the same birth date, June 17, 1953. Our paths crossed many times, attending YMCA Camp at Camp Russell, and Sports Camp at Oglebay Park in Wheeling.

We also attended Linsly Military Institute together in 7th, 8th and 9th grades, and played on the tennis team together in 9th grade. The last time that I remember seeing Woody was during the July 4th weekend, 1973, when he, I and another friend went on a road trip in my 1965 VW bus. Woody sat mostly in the back seat and never stopped talking. First, we went camping at Blackwater Falls State Park, WV and then on to the WV State Art & Craft Show in Ripley, WV. We didn't have a tent and luckily it didn't rain as we camped under the stars for two nights. We were 20 years old and had a great time. Not a care in the world. What a great memory. I never saw Woody again, but I'll always remember him as a very fine person, very smart and having a great sense of humor. I greatly enjoyed his company. From reading his obituary, it sounds like he led a wonderful life and participated in some very worthy activities. May Woody rest in peace and I am so very thankful for our friendship. Mark Stullenburger

Mark Stullenburger - June 02, 2019 at 07:37 PM

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“ I am so sorry to see the name Franzeim this week on Luke's passing Myself I am a few years older than he but remember his mother and father so well when I was living in wonderful Wheeling Regards to the remaining family J Dennis Runner

J DENNIS RUNNER - June 01, 2019 at 05:42 PM

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“ Pretty sure this is the "WOODY" Franzheim who went to Linsly with me and others from the class of 1971 in the late 60's. Very sorry to hear of his death, but at the same time, proud he turned out to be the type a guy who made this world a better place.during his "short" time here.....My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family and friends.

**Jay Knapp** - May 31, 2019 at 10:08 AM