



Dr. C. Darrel Sheraw

May 25, 1943 - March 27, 2014

Dr. C. Darrel Sheraw, 70, of Sligo passed away on Thursday, March 27th 2014 at the Clarion Hospital, surrounded by his loving wife of 46 years, his two sons and their wives. Darrel was born May 25th, 1943 in Greensburg, PA. The son of Charles A. and Mildred Mae Hemminger Sheraw.

He was married on August 7, 1967 to Norma Krause, who survives in Sligo.

Darrel was an English professor at Clarion University for 35 years, joining the faculty in 1977. His first connection with Clarion did not begin with his teaching career, however. He first came to Clarion as an undergraduate student earning his bachelor's degree. While there he was fortunate to have found a life changing mentor in Dr. Edward Grejda, who first recognized his love of teaching and ability to communicate his knowledge to others. With Dr. Grejda's encouragement he completed his Masters and Doctorate degrees at Ohio University. His teaching career began at Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, PA where he served as the department chair for seven years. While there he started Studies in Contemporary Satire, which became the longest running academic satire journal. With Dr. Grejda's encouragement, Darrel returned to his Alma Mater, Clarion, where he taught popular classes in mythology, comedy and satire, and his area of specialization: romantic poetry. Darrel's enthusiasm and energy throughout all 70 years allowed him to pursue his many interests and talents. He earned an 8th degree black belt and

taught karate in the Clarion area for 20 years. He had an interest in raising and showing rare waterfowl, developing a new breed that is now officially recognized internationally. He wrote three books on waterfowl and was an international waterfowl judge, having judged events in four countries with his best friend of over 40 years, Curtis Oakes of Cochran, PA. He was also an avid gardener of over 100 varieties of hostas, to name just one of his plant specialties.

One of Darrel's greatest joys was collecting and restoring antiques. You could often find him at the local sales, antique stores and flea markets. He was always willing to share his vast knowledge and enjoyed helping others with many restoration projects.

Darrel easily formed friendships and influenced the lives of many. One of his colleagues once referred to him as a true Renaissance man, which never failed to bring a smile to his face. His sharp wit and lively sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Darrel is also survived by his son's Scott and Lynnette of York, PA; and Chris and Beki of Wappingers Falls, NY; also survived by a brother Dennis and his wife Gale Sheraw of the Virgin Islands. Preceded in death by his parents. The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling arrangements. A memorial service in his honor is being planned for a future date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to The Grejda Education Scholarship Endowment c/o Clarion University Foundation, Inc., Seifert-Mooney Center, Clarion University of PA, 840 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

FG

“ Dear Norma, My name is Faith Beckerman Goldman. You and I were classmates at D.T. Watson studying physical therapy. First of all, my condolences on the passing of your husband. You are now in a club that doesn't want any new members. I became a widow in 1994. I'm working on a project to celebrate the 50 years of U. of Pittsburgh. As Watson was the initiation of Pitt, I'd like you to contact me at your convenience. My email address is faithnamdlog@aol.com. Take care of yourself.

faith goldman - October 09, 2017 at 03:47 AM

MD

“ Dear Doctor Sheraw how I loved listening to you recite poetry. Ode to Autumn and The Catfish inspire me to this day. Greatness resides in the most humble places.

Marian C. Dudek - August 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Norma & Family,
We were very saddened to learn of Darrel's passing. I know my father cherished their relationship as student/teacher, colleagues, and-most of all-friends. Dad had a deep respect for Darrel as a teacher and thoroughly enjoyed their times together. Our daughter (and Ed's granddaughter) Erin had the pleasure of Darrel as an instructor several years ago and absolutely loved his class! Thanks in large part to Darrel's mentoring and support, she is now teaching reading. Treasure the fond memories.
The Grejda Family

Rick Grejda & Family - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Brian worked with Norma for years and had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Sheraw at our business in Franklin. He was both a kind and engaging man. Please know that we will keep Norma and the entire family in our prayers.

Brian and Judy Colburn - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Our most sincere sympathy to Darrel's family. We enjoyed getting to know him as a collector in addition to his connection to Clarion University. We will miss his visits to the shop; he always taught us something new.

Elisabeth and Bill Fulmer - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ To the family and friends: I am very sorry for your loss. I had the privilege to know Dr. (Sensei) Sheraw, as a karate instructor when I was in high school, and as a professor while in school at Clarion University. i am very honored to have had the opportunity to learn from him in both settings. I am sending love and prayers to you all during this time.

Love,
Tiffany(Reesman)Smith

Tiffany (Reesman) Smith - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Norma, Scott, Chris,

You have my deepest sympathy. May God comfort you knowing Darrel in now with our LORD and restored to perfect health.

Jack Lewis - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss Darrel. I've considered Darrel a friend for a long time. I got to know him through Breeding Waterfowl over 30 yrs ago. His passing is a loss for all of his friends. Rodney L. Haefs

Rodney L. Haefs - March 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM