



## Edward C. Klotz,III

April 30, 1945 - April 25, 2021

Edward C. Klotz, III, 75 of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died April 25, 2021 at Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born April 30, 1945 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Edward C. Klotz, Jr and Margaret (Fleming) Klotz. Edward married Kay Lynn Cunningham on June 24, 1972. They served as SIM missionaries for 22 years in Nigeria, Liberia, and Eritrea. He was a professor at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas for 18 years. He was a member Siloam Springs Bible Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Charles.

Survivors include his wife Kay of the home; daughter Melinda Manuel and husband John of Belton, Texas and son Brian Klotz and wife Sarah of Annandale, Virginia; seven grandchildren Cecelia, Lydia, Luke Manuel and Harrison, Campbell, Sawyer and Eleanor Klotz; sister Jane Orlopp of Payson, Arizona.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 30, 2021 at Siloam Springs Bible Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. All are welcome both masked and unmasked. Live streaming will also be available at <http://www.silobible.org/>.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to <https://gofund.me/cd82e9dd>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Siloam Springs Bible Church  
927 S. Oak Hill St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-3963

# Tribute Wall

FA

“*Dr. Ed Klotz was my professor at JBU - Intercultural Studies (2005-2009) and I was so sad to learn of his passing. To Ms. Kay and family thank you for sharing him with the many students that he impacted. His humor and his heart for ministry was something that we each learned and gleaned from. May God's strength and peace be upon each one of you in this season. Till we meet again.*

*Faith Kinyanjui (Kenya)*

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Faith Kinyanjui (Kenya - JBU Alumni) - May 05, 2021 at 10:08 AM

DP

“*Ed was my best friend while we were students together at JBU. I remember him as a humble, gracious, and kind man who deeply loved the Lord and other people. Ed and I spent many precious hours praying together in the little chapel in the MO dorm. We often prayed for the nations. I believe the Lord used those times to move both of us to, in a sense, answer our own prayers by committing ourselves to serve in missions which both of us later did - he in Africa and I in the Middle East. It was George Whitefield who said, "We are immortal until our work on earth is done." Ed served extremely well on earth. But that work is done, and his work in heaven in the presence of his Savior has begun. Well done, Ed. I will miss you this side of heaven.*

*Dick Papworth*

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Dick Papworth - May 05, 2021 at 12:06 AM

HD

“ Dr Klotz was my Bible school teacher in Eritrea and he was a wonderful teacher and a great mentor. We had unforgettable time with Klotz families. My deepest condolences to his wife and all families.

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**Hanibal Daniel** - April 30, 2021 at 07:53 PM

MC

“ Our family were neighbors to the Klotz family in Liberia during the 80's. We have very warm and special memories of this wonderful family. Ed was always fun. We remember Ed and Brian launching a water balloon attack on Kim and Paul and lots of crazy mayhem erupting! Ed was a godly man and impacted so many throughout his life. Our love and prayers go out to Kay, Mindee and Brian as they they grieve their loss.  
Kim and Margaret Coutts

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**Margaret Coutts** - April 30, 2021 at 01:03 PM

KR

“ We were blessed to have Ed and Kay visit in Eritrea to teach anthropology to a dozen eager students almost twenty years ago. We were new. They were experienced. They blessed students who continue to minister and they blessed us. Later Ed connected us to some faithful people who partnered with us to help reach an unreached group. Some people do much. Ed and Kay invested in people with the kingdom of God. Blessings Kay. Ken and Nancy Riegert

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**Ken Riegert** - April 30, 2021 at 12:59 PM

SY

“ Dr. Klotz was a man who exhibited integrity and joy in the Lord. He taught me about cultures, missions, and theology at JBU. His heart for the nations pushed me to keep pursuing missions and I am so grateful to have known him. He made a great impact in my life. Praise the Lord for his testimony! My prayers and condolences to Kay and the Klotz family during this time.



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**Sarah Young** - April 30, 2021 at 12:43 PM

SM

“ Ed Klotz was a wonderful reflection of his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. He had the wonderful artistic ability of looking for the very best details to be highlighted whether in wood or a persons life which would show forth the innate beauty of the life lived. He had the ability though deep thought and wisdom to work carefully as he helped with the maturing growth of all with whom shared his life. Yes, there was a wonderful balance of just knowing when an ice cream was needed, or a cup of coffee with a special treat to eat in order to relax amongst the pressures life brought forth. Although Ed worked with many individuals, each felt the touch of care and concern personally shared in his or her life. Both he and his wonderful wife Kay always reached out to others by instilling the thought that you were family always welcome to share life with them. Their love for others, shared will always be a guiding reflection of Jesus Christ lived for others and the need for loving interactions in this needy world. Thank you fore a job well done for Christ.

**Stephen and Brooke Moose**

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**Stephen Moose** - April 30, 2021 at 09:04 AM

JM

“ *Kay and family:*

*I first met Ed in the fall of 1967 when we were both students at John Brown University. Immediately Ed became an influence in my life and we have been friends since. I have enjoyed watching the path of his life through missionary work, JBU time and then into retirement. And now he stands in the presence of God. What a glorious day for him!*

*Kay, thanks for sharing his life.*

*John & Judy McCullough*

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**John McCullough** - April 30, 2021 at 06:10 AM

YG

*We know Dr Klot, Kay back in Eritrea serving the Lord! We were really blessed by their teaching and love for our Church, Kale Hiwot! Specially, we have the best memory, helping our teen agers, my elder son was among their fruits! Dr Klots and Kay have done great work! We Congratulate Dr Ed Klots for the successful journey and seeing His loving Father!  
Yirgalem and Family*

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**Yirgalem Gebremedhin** - May 01, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ *Sending our condolences, love and prayers to all the family. What a wonderful mentor, encourager, and teacher. We will always remember him as someone who really believed in us, and that has encouraged us so much over the years. He was someone that God used greatly in our lives and we will miss him deeply.*

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**Laura Pittman** - April 30, 2021 at 01:09 AM

MP

“ Dear Kay & family,  
Our hearts & prayers are with you. We are aching at his passing.  
Ed was such a caring man.  
We take comfort in the words of our Savior, & know Ed is with Him  
now.  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you.  
Mike & Joy Peterson

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**Mike & Joy Peterson** - April 29, 2021 at 10:45 PM

LC

“ Dear Kay, Mindee, Brian, and family,  
  
We were so sorry to hear about your heartbreaking loss. Louis and I  
mourn with you. Ed was truly a great man and a true servant of  
God. Both of you were dear friends and wise advisers in our difficult  
early years in Nigeria during the mid 1970s. He was with us  
immediately after my Mother's death. We will miss him until we meet  
him again before the throne. Hallelujah. Love, Anne and Louis

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**Louis Carter** - April 29, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Mixed Flower Fireside Basket  
was purchased for the family of Edward C.  
Klotz, III.



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April 29, 2021 at 04:31 PM

BO

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Bonnie** - April 29, 2021 at 02:29 PM

DR

“ *Dr. Klotz was an amazing and persistent encouragement to our son as he studied at John Brown and strove to complete his program. We will always be thankful for how he encouraged our son along and played a role in assuring that he reached his goal in his studies and becoming a John Brown grad. Also, we stand amazed at Dr. Klotz's impressive work in promoting Perspectives courses all over NW Arkansas. A man who really demonstrated the heart to make a difference. Well done!*

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**Dave Ray** - April 29, 2021 at 11:09 AM

MK

“ Dear Kay and the family,

*Our deepest condolence to you and your whole family on the terrible loss of your faithful husband and father Dr. Edward C. Klotz.*

*We always cherish of his humble ministry, profound integrity and kindness among the KHCE (Kale Hiwet Church of Eritrea). At this hour of difficulty I request you to accept my sincere condolence and please pass the same to your children and the SIM family. It was an honor for me personally and the KHCE to know and work with Dr. Ed. C. Klotz as co-workers in God's kingdom. He was truly a man of God and we are going to miss him up until we gather in our heavenly home.*

*May God be your refuge and your strength in the time of your bereavement. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely in His Service,*

*Mekonnen Tekeste Kiflu*

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**Mekonnen Tekeste Kiflu** - April 29, 2021 at 02:59 AM

RF

“ Randy, Adam, and the Buckner family. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Edward C. Klotz,III.



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**Randy, Adam, and the Buckner family.** - April 28, 2021 at 04:38 PM

JS

“ Ed was our SIM Western Africa Area deputy director and personnel manager for three years, which turned into Area director for a year when the war came on. His skill in working with our numerous staff, helping many find better fits in their roles, giving pastoral care where needed -- what a blessing to us all. Though we have seldom been in touch since, our appreciation for Ed and family never ran out. Jon & Pat Shea

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**Jon & Pat Shea** - April 28, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of Edward C. Klotz, III.



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April 28, 2021 at 10:14 AM

LF

“ 1 file added to the album Ed Klotz



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**Larry Fehl** - April 28, 2021 at 08:20 AM

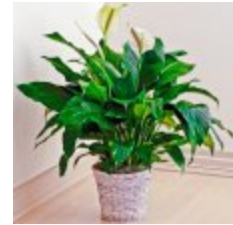
LF

“ We had the great privilege of ministry with Ed and Kay in Nigeria. I was able to welcome them to Igbaja Seminary. Ed was so easy to work with. His "dry" sense of humor was winsome. He was always thoughtful and kind in his relationships. Ed seemed unflappable in tense situations. We also had several joyful years of fellowship in service in Charlotte NC when the Liberian missionaries were evacuated. Ed was a loyal friend. Larry Fehl

Larry Fehl - April 28, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Edward C. Klotz, III.



April 27, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Edward C. Klotz, III.



April 27, 2021 at 09:23 PM

YF

“ Your Loving Family purchased the White Standing Wreath for the family of Edward C. Klotz, III.



Your Loving Family - April 27, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Edward C. Klotz, III.*



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April 27, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *I was only around Ed a few times, but instantly knew he was a man of high honor. A good man.*

*John Sagely*

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**John Sagely** - April 27, 2021 at 12:06 PM

CH

“ *Dr.K or DK3, as he was always affectionately called by his students was one of the most impactful people in my life. He was an anchor and constant during 3 tumultuous years at college. He was the head of my department, my advisor, my friend, my advocate and even my wedding officiant. He brought joy and lots of laughter to my wedding by bringing an object and doing a mini classroom object lesson. He was always kind, super funny, quirky and full of love for his students, family and his job. I wished I could have had 3 more years under his guidance and care. Our last conversation was about Lithuania via email. I was planning a Holocaust research project and he connected me to all kinds of friends and sources, expressed interest and encouragement in my work. It was so classic DK3. I will love and cherish his memory forever. I will cherish the memories I have Ed and Kay always making time to have me over if I was coming through Arkansas over the last 2 decades. All my love to you, Kay, and Mindee and Brian. What an extraordinary man and life.*



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chelsea hudson - April 27, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Edward C. Klotz,III.*



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April 27, 2021 at 10:57 AM