

A Note from Linda Finney, Executive Director, Retired-Leadership Spokane

»» In Memory of Larry Kissler, Class of 1984

I was shocked and stunned and grieved to hear that Larry Kissler was gone. It was too sudden and too soon. Larry was always so vital, positive, and full of life. The first thing I think of about him was his warm smile. The second was his professional competence. And, the third was his great generosity with his time and with his encouragement.

I met Larry shortly after I moved to Spokane from Seattle and took the position of Executive Director at Leadership Spokane in October 1999. He sought me out at a function and introduced himself. Larry was a graduate of the Leadership Spokane Class of 1984 (he was sponsored by his employer, Old National Bank, which later became US Bank). Larry offered me his hand, his support, his good ideas, and his insights. This was how he operated in Spokane, with everyone and every organization with whom he was in touch.

It was always a pleasure to bump into Larry and be greeted, whether at an event or passing on a downtown Spokane sidewalk. He was an admirable man of integrity and a valuable adviser. We are all fond of him. Larry's passing is a great loss to his family, friends, colleagues, and the City of Spokane.

