Statement on the Passing of Larry Emerson

On June 29, 2019, the dialysis industry lost a legend. Larry Emerson will be remembered for his adoration for his beautiful family, passion for helping others, and dedication to improving patient care throughout his long career in healthcare and dialysis.

Larry has been a cherished member of the National Renal Administrators Association (NRAA) and Renal Services Exchange (RSE) for 15 years, with 12 years serving as an elected officer including his current term with the RSE Board of Directors. He has provided inspirational leadership through his strong work ethic and relentless commitment to serve others and lead the charge on important developments to aid dialysis providers.

RSE President Larry Jones shares, “It has been a professional honor and privilege to work with Larry on the RSE board. It was even a greater privilege to call him a friend. He worked tirelessly to better our industry and the lives of patients. His leadership and engaging personality will be missed by all of us fortunate enough to have known him.”

In 2012, Larry was awarded the Mark Zawiski Award for Outstanding Leadership for bringing consistency to the organization during a crucial time in the industry and for leading complex projects. In being recognized, Larry humbly commented, “I’ve gotten more than I’ve ever gave.”

As an alum of University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Larry was a fan of all things Husker. He enjoyed traveling and teaching himself how to fix almost anything. Larry was very active in his local community by serving on several boards and supporting alumni programs at UNL. He was also a fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, a Shriner, a Mason, and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Most of all, Larry was a friend to us all. We are deeply saddened by his passing and extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife of 40 years, Karen Emerson, his three daughters, six grandchildren, and the entire Emerson family.

“The heartbreaking loss of our dear friend Larry Emerson has sent shock waves of enormous sadness to all those who knew him. Larry encouraged us, he was always there when you called and served as a mentor to many of us at NRAA. We will cherish each of our memories with Larry, filled with laughter and that little twinkle in his eye. We are all blessed to have known him and he will be in our hearts forever. Larry was very special to so many of us, so I will share with a quote I know he would appreciate. “How Lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” Winnie the Pooh,” shares NRAA President Julie Williams.

So many will feel the weight of this loss. There are heroes who walk among us. We at the NRAA and RSE are blessed to have known this one. Rest well dear friend.

Condolences and memorials may be sent to the Dialysis Center of Lincoln, 7910 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510, for the Larry Emerson Memorial Fund, where Larry’s mission to help others will be continued.