



Kurt Vega

November 14, 1957 - October 3, 2020

Kurt Vega passed away on October 3, 2020 from complications of pancreatic cancer. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Lynn Sullivan, his father Efren Vega Jr, his mother Donna Basting, his sister Yvette Vega, and his two sons, Kurt S. and John S. Vega. Kurt worked for the Public Utilities of Collier County government as an Instrumentation and Electrical Supervisor. The two things Kurt was most proud of was being a Veteran and a native Floridian. He always had a positive outlook on life, was a great listener and was always willing to help a friend in need.

Having received an Erector set in his early youth he showed an interest in engineering and electronics. Kurt was proud to be a volunteer fire fighter. He enlisted in the US Navy and served on the USS Midway CV-41 during the Iran Hostage Crisis. His last deployment was aboard the USS Coral Sea CV-43. Kurt was involved in search and rescue. He enjoyed fishing, barbecuing/smoking, and most recently cruising. "Being on a cruise ship was his happy place." Kurt and his sons were involved with the Boy Scouts. A celebration of Kurt's life will be held at his home at 6721 Neal Road, Fort Myers, FL on November 14, 2020 – his birthday – at 1 PM. Please bring a chair and something to pass. Any questions, please contact Lynn at 239 271-7359. Donations in Kurt's name may be made to Hearts and Homes to Veterans, 2230 Alicia St., Fort Myers, FL 33901. <https://www.hhveterans.com/donate>

Tribute Wall



“ *Kurt Vega*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Kurt Vega*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lynn Sullivan - January 27, 2021 at 05:28 PM

JV

“ It’s taken me a while to process and fully acknowledge my father’s passing!! Let alone find the words to say. Let it be known I love my father. A day does not go by when I don’t miss him. I wish I could call him just to hear his voice. I won’t speak of any bad between us because none of that matters. I wish the last time I saw him he know how much I truly I love him. I wish he would be here to know I’m engaged and I’m growing into a fine young man. I love you Pops!!

John Vega



John Vega - January 24, 2021 at 07:16 PM

JC

“ Kurt and I go back to the early 80s. We worked for competing companies but ended up working together for Emerson. He went on to work for Collier County and I retired. Bev, my wonderful wife and I became Florida residents hoping to spend more time with Kurt and Lynn. Unfortunately he was taken much too soon from all of us. He will always be remembered for his big smile and contagious laughter.

We will miss you buddy!!

Your friends always

Jim & Bev Chmielewski

Jim Chmielewski - November 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM

SZ

“ Having worked with Kurt at the Collier County Public Utilities facility, I was afforded the daily pleasure of his company. We shared many laughs together, sarcastic banter, and a friendship that I shall carry throughout my life. He was a proud veteran, and took great pride in our flag and our country. I had the profound opportunity to break bread with him and Lynne at our home, and will always remember his laugh and smile as we conversed across the table. I shall miss my friend more than words can convey, and I am so grateful that God afforded me the opportunity to have our paths meet in this life. Knowing Kurt as I did, and our friendly banter towards each other, I know he'll laugh when he here's that I told God we're all in trouble if your looking for Kurt to find the light switch up there. I love you buddy, and shall miss you all the rest of the days of my life. I hope that one day, we shall meet again. Hopefully, you'll have the lights on by then.

Steve Zihala.

Steve Zihala - October 27, 2020 at 09:15 AM

MO

“ I met Kurt a lot longer ago than I'd like to admit, but we were both serving in the Navy, way, way back in the 70's. My tribute to Kurt is when I knew him best, when we were teenagers and in our early twenties. Please bear with me, as my memory isn't as good as it used to be. Kurt was assigned to the carrier Midway, and I, the carrier Coral Sea. I believe Kurt transferred to ships company in 1978. From here we went to dry dock for a year in Washington state, and then a West Pac Cruise. We were part of the Iranian hostage crisis Operation Eagle Claw in the Persian Gulf. Kurt's job was in the repair shop, and I worked in the control tower. Sometimes Kurt would host a radio program for 3 hours after he was done with a 12 hour shift. We've also been known to kill a few brain cells in all the different ports we went to. Way to many stories to put on here, but am planning on attending his celebration of life next month. Over the years Kurt has been a wonderful friend and we remained in contact. I know he loved Lynn and loved to travel. We were actually hoping to take a cruise with Lynn and Kurt next year. I have truly lost a dear friend that I still have a hard time with him being gone. After reading a few other posts I realized that he never really changed over the years. Still a gentleman and a great human being. Bro, till we meet again and Godspeed.

mark olson - October 24, 2020 at 08:19 PM



Thank you Mark.

Lynn Sullivan - October 29, 2020 at 02:43 PM

SB

“ I first meet Kurt at Tampa Bay Tech in 1973. We shared many of the same interests, electronics, rock n roll, girls and Boy Scouts. We attended a class for a merit badge at Honeywell where we learned more about electronics and partying In a pasture with my band. We both joined the Navy and after attended United Electronics where we continued our education.

Over the years we've not talked as much but I always knew he was there. Kurt you are truly missed brother and still hard to comprehend the loss.

Scott Baily - October 20, 2020 at 09:07 AM



Thank you Scott

Lynn Sullivan - October 29, 2020 at 02:43 PM

MS

“ Ten years - yet seems like a lifetime that I knew Kurt. Many times throughout this short time, I would remark to Lynn - "are you sure Kurt doesn't have a brother hiding somewhere? Kurt exemplified a man who a woman would be privileged to have in her life. Whether at home, at the beach or at their favorite restaurant, no matter what they did, his love for Lynn was true and apparent. He was a man of manners! It may be a little thing, but yet huge..he always insisted that Lynn and I remain in the car to give him time to come around and open the door for us, same held true for entering/exiting a building. His smile ..oh my, I'll always remember the day I walked into his hospital room, after he had had his first surgery....he starred, blinked, dropped his jaw, then a huge smile burst onto his face in disbelief. Creating memories with those you have the privilege to have in your life is a wonderful aspect of friendship. Being able to experience a "once in a lifetime event" with Kurt and Lynn was when we met in Helen, GA to witness the total solar eclipse in August 2017. But the best "once in a lifetime" event was in August 2012 when I watched Lynn and Kurt exchange their vows and their rings to bind their love. Kurt - it was an honor to know you and call you "friend".

Meg

Meg Safarik - October 17, 2020 at 07:40 PM



Perfect Meg, absolutely perfect. You have him down to a "T".

Lynn Sullivan - October 29, 2020 at 02:44 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Meg Safarik - October 17, 2020 at 07:11 PM

YV

“ My Brother, I miss you already. I hope that you knew how much we love you. I am only glad that you are not suffering any longer and sad that you are not here with us. There are so many hysterical and serious and crazy memories and that is what keeps me smiling when I think of you. We will always keep you in our hearts. I love you Brother. “AS BIG AS SKY KING”

Yvette Vega - October 13, 2020 at 04:57 PM

LS

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Lynn Sullivan - October 13, 2020 at 02:40 PM

LS

“ Kurt Vega was a man who was true to himself. He loved his friends and family and he will be missed more than there are grains of sand on this planet. Always willing to listen and to help, Kurt was a good friend. We always believed we were soulmates. When we were young we were going to be married but life had other ideas in mind however we were brought back together. We both strongly believed we were meant to be together and better late than never. He was the love of my life and I wonder how to go on. We had great times together and memories I can never lose.

Thank you to everyone for being here for me. Looking forward to seeing you at his Celebration of Life on November 14, 2020.

I am asking that you please do not send flowers or gifts. This is something Kurt would prefer.

Lynn Sullivan - October 13, 2020 at 02:37 PM