



H. Curt Kennedy Jr.

January 27, 1945 - March 7, 2020

It is the desire of the family for everyone to stay healthy during this time of uncertainty. For that reason the memorial Mass has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. This obituary will be update as soon as details are available.

Curt was born in Norman, Oklahoma in a naval hospital on January 27, 1945. He grew up in North and South Carolina. He attended Georgia Tech before joining IBM. He had numerous titles in his career with IBM, including director of one of the company's new business offerings. Curt married Janet Habiger in May 1985 and four years later they welcomed the arrival of their son Michael. Curt retired from IBM in 1997 to stay home and take care of his son. He always said those were the best years of his life.

After retirement Curt was Chairman of the Board of the Apex Ed Foundation, a fundraiser for the Apex school system. He put on many a Kids Walk to raise money. He was also a Cub Scout leader for years and really enjoyed working the camping trips and helping the kids with their badges. Curt loved genealogy and was Chief of the Kennedy Society of North America.

Curt had multiple health issues. The last 3 years of his life were a struggle for him. He had heart disease and was a long term diabetic who ended up on dialysis. He died the way he wanted, at home, with his wife and very quickly.

Curt had a big personality and would light up the room with laughter. He loved his wife and son, God and his country.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Habiger, his son, Michael Kennedy, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

National Kidney Foundation: <https://www.kidney.org/>

Poe Center for Health Education: <https://www.poehealth.org/>

Cemetery

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

3008 Old Raleigh Rd

Apex, NC, 27502

Comments



“ So very sorry to learn of Curt's passing and will always remember his robust laugh and positive attitude! My favorite memory of Curt was him being the only Dad at the MW bus stop and joined in all the daily conversations with enthusiasm. I cherish a picture we took on a lunch trip to Fearington House = about 15 ladies and Curt smiling in the center! Grateful to have known him and share many laughs together. Janet and Michael - prayers of comfort are lifted up to you and may the days ahead fill you with his love.

Eileen Herbst - March 22 at 02:01 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Curt. He was so friendly when I first joined PWCCP. He always had a smile on his face. I will miss talking to him. Peace to your hearts.

Patricia D Koons - March 21 at 11:51 AM



“ Sad to hear of Curt's passing. He was a good friend and neighbor for so many years in MW. I send my sincere condolences to Janet and Michael tonight and will treasure my fond memories of Curt for years to come.

David Wilson - March 20 at 09:07 PM



“ Janet and Michael, so sorry to hear of Curt's passing. He was a lovely person, and I am so glad that we had the opportunity to know each other. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Sincerely,
Barbara and Krystle Bounds and Family

Barbara Bounds - March 19 at 03:24 PM



“ We are tremendously sorry to learn of the loss of Curt. He was such a bright, cheery member of our dog club and we so enjoyed his humor and friendship over the years as we and his family members showed dogs together in Maryland and Virginia. Our hearts are so sad for Janet and Michael. God Speed Curt, you will be a welcomed friendly spirit to have in Heaven.

Ann and Warren Phillips



“ Curt was a blessing to work with. He brightened my days with his smile and personality. He will be missed.

Deborah Hage - March 16 at 08:35 AM



“ Curt was such a good friend. It started when we managed a project together at IBM in the 90s. He was a serious and strong leader, but always brought humor and that happy laugh at the right time. After retirement, it was even more enjoyable to be with him. I loved talking with him about so many things...he was knowledgeable! We talked about work and family, he was most proud of his family, and was always interested in mine. It was enjoyable to talk with him about politics. He helped me shop for guns and gave me a few items which I will always have. As he became more ill, he was still great to talk with and made sure he helped me, not burden me. A lesson in character. I will miss him a lot.
Anne and I send our condolences and our love to Janet and Michael.

Ed Altieri

Edward Altieri - March 15 at 10:19 AM



“ Ive only known Curt and Janet for a short while since I moved next door. It feels like a lifetime however. I loved visiting with Curt and helping when I could. He was always so warm and grateful for help. We talked so much and laughed alot. He spoke so kindly of his loving wife...He will be missed!!!!

Nancy Ryan - March 13 at 04:38 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Janet and Michael on their loss.
Pat Hess

Patricia Hess - March 20 at 12:51 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Curt's passing. I remember him as an avid supporter of Janet and Michael's beloved hobby of dog showing and training. His presence will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to Janet and Michael on his passing.
Vonda Winkler

Vonda M Winkler - March 20 at 09:43 AM



“ Such a loss to your family and all who knew Curt. I only had a short time knowing him and he was such a people person. Just a joy to be around. He will be missed deeply.

micki hentkowski - March 20 at 09:48 AM



“ A friend who loved his wife and son. Their successes were his proud moments. Their hurts were his hurts. His loyalty to them knew no boundaries. He joined in their love of Tibbies and Corgis.

Curt had a smile that could light up a room. My favorite memory among many is him lying on a chaise beside our pool napping while the Tibbies and Corgis chased each other.

Curt suffered a debilitating illness at the end of his life valiantly.

RIP

Thyra Harris - March 21 at 09:03 AM



“ I didn't know Curt very well, but knew he was simply the nicest person and the best storyteller ever! One year, my mother and I arrived at the Corgi Club Holiday Dinner after most everyone had found seats already. At that time, I didn't know a lot of members, so my mother and I sat at a table by ourselves. Curt saw us and came over to invite us to his table, squeezing in an extra chair. We had the best time! Curt laughed, told stories and jokes, and truly made us feel like old friends. I will never forget his kindness!

Chris Taylor - March 25 at 10:13 AM



“ I always considered Curt a good friend & very unique person. He was very knowledgeable in so many subjects, some of which were way over my head. He had a wicked sense of humor & there were times I loved pushing it to the limit. He was very proud of his Scottish background & was at one time the Head of the Kennedy Clan here in the US. I'm going to miss our talks but God has a lot of patience and I believe Curt's going to give him a run for his money! Enjoy your talks but always remember who's really in charge.

Miss you,

Susan & John Mullins

March 28, 2020 10:28pm

Susan R Mullins - March 28 at 10:24 PM