



Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger

November 27, 1950 - November 10, 2019

Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger passed away surrounded by family on November 10, 2019.

Randy was born on November 27, 1950 in Reading, PA to Kenneth and Pauline Heffelfinger. He grew up “the apple of his mother’s eye” in the Oley Valley countryside as the middle child with two lovely sisters, Robin and Sharon. He loved drumming in the marching band and conducting sanctioned and unsanctioned science experiments. Winning third place in the National Science Fair sent him to college in the big city of Pittsburgh where he graduated from University of Pittsburgh, followed by St. Joseph’s School of Medical Technology in Reading.

After graduation, he launched his career in the laboratory of Caron Hospital at Chit Chat Farms a substance abuse rehabilitation center. Next step was a cross-country move to Gallup, New Mexico where he ran the clinical laboratory at McKinley General Hospital and spent his free time adventuring. He fell in love with skiing, hiking, back packing and a lady named Mindy. They married on October 16, 1982 and lived in Albuquerque before moving back east to be closer to family.

Randy and Mindy started their own family in West Virginia. Randy earned his MBA and worked hard so Mindy could stay at home with their two beautiful daughters. Randy’s career in healthcare brought the family to Maine, then New Hampshire and finally to North Carolina where he became a proud member of the Duke University Medical Center family. In each new home they found amazing communities with whom they explored the great outdoors. On every single outing, Randy could be heard saying, “Just another day in paradise.”

Though Randy fell in love with cycling in New Hampshire, he let his passion for it run wild upon retirement. In between rides, he took up cooking and volunteered widely within the community. He spoke often about his faith and considered himself incredibly lucky throughout every step on his journey.

Randy is survived by his wife Mindy McMaster; daughters Erin and Abbie; son-in-law Tukei Peter; and sister Robin Bates. He was preceded in death by his sister Sharon Long and his parents Kenneth and Pauline Heffelfinger.

Randy's life will be celebrated with a memorial service on Friday November 22 at 1 pm at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills, 480 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Donations can be made in his honor to an NGO and bike club that was very meaningful to him, The Carolina Tarwheels: <https://squareup.com/store/Tarwheels/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Forest Hall at Chatham Mills
780 Hillsboro St.
Suite 530
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger.*



November 22, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger.*



November 21, 2019 at 09:55 PM

BM

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Randy. My favorite memories were always at the beginning of our rides. He was always so happy to be on his bike with his friends and that feeling just radiated from him. We will miss him so much!*

Bob Montani - November 21, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger.*



November 20, 2019 at 04:44 PM

DP

“ I was saddened and shocked to learn of Randy's passing. Randy hired me into Medical Oncology after a short time away. He was a great supervisor but we used to joke that he was more like a brother to me. I will always remember his constant smile and always saying, "just another day in paradise" whenever I saw him. He will be missed!

My deepest sympathy to the family.

Donna Puckett

Donna Puckett - November 20, 2019 at 11:24 AM

PM

“ I just found out earlier today at a research meeting. This was shocking news to me. Randy gave me the best opportunity a person with limited grant experience could have when he hired me into the Dept of Hematology & Oncology at Duke. I never knew my path in research would change like this. Randy was a wonderful supervisor. I will remember the many times he cared to stop in and learn more about the people he worked with. And it was always great to listen to his adventurous cycling weekends. My condolences to the family.

pamela montgomery - November 19, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger.



November 18, 2019 at 04:05 PM

RN

“ Condolences to the Heffelfinger family during this difficult time. Just know that thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ron Nelson - November 18, 2019 at 01:52 PM

DR

“ My favorite memories of Randy will forever be having you all over for dinner and seeing his eyes light up and that big grin spread across his face as he saw ALL the yummy food spread across the table! That is the biggest compliment you can give the cook, and it will always live in my heart!



Debbie Rogers - November 17, 2019 at 06:20 PM

LB

“ So sorry to read that Randy has passed away. Sending my sincerest sympathy from PA for your loss to you all! Lisa Boozer

Lisa Boozer - November 16, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger.



November 16, 2019 at 02:43 PM

ST

“ He was a faster cyclist than me, but I did know of the devotion and hard work that he put into Bikefest for 3 years. I am also impressed about all of the work that he did in the local community as well. He will truly be missed. May his memory give strength to the entire family.

Sheila Tayrose

sheila tayrose - November 15, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger.



November 13, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Randall Kenneth Heffelfinger.



November 13, 2019 at 08:37 PM

KF

“ Although I did not know Randy for long, we were in the same Monday nite bible study group. We always has snacks and sometimes we had whipped cream with them. I am a big fan of whipped cream and Randy was too. This was a fun memory. He was such a nice man. He was just a blessing to know.

Karen Ferrier - November 13, 2019 at 02:44 PM