



Karl Heissner

July 25, 1934 - February 8, 2021

Karl H. Heissner, 86, of Centreville Maryland, passed away on February 8th. He was being kept comfortable at home after being diagnosed recently with cancer. Barbara, his wife of 60 years, was by his side.

Karl was born in Germany in 1934. He immigrated to the United States in 1954 from Stuttgart Germany. He served in the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC for two years. While married and working a full-time job, Karl attended night school at the University of Maryland where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree. He subsequently obtained a Master's degree from the American University. Karl worked for 28 years with the U.S. Government as an Information Technology Specialist at the Executive Office of the President.

Karl enjoyed spending time with family and friends in Maryland and Naples, Florida as well as boating and fishing on the Chesapeake Bay. He was known for having a positive outlook and chose to live his life focusing on what was good about life. He made friends wherever he went.

Karl was a kind and loving partner to his wife, and a dedicated, supportive father to their sons. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and two sons, Stephen (Kathy) and David (Theavy).

In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made to Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church of Silver Spring Maryland, Capital Fund. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karl Heissner*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Karl Heissner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Karl Heissner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dan and I worked with Karl for years at the Executive Office of the President. He was always so welcoming and kind - a real joy to work with. You couldn't help but become his friend once he said hello. He will be greatly missed.*

Our thoughts, prayers and sympathies to out to Barbara, family and friends.

Dan & Kim Gunia

Kimberly Anderson-Gunia - March 12, 2021 at 04:46 PM

CR

“ *A light has dimmed in this world with Karl's passing. Jerry and I enjoyed Karl's humor and love of a good joke. He was a kind mentor to Jerry through the years. Rest In Peace!*
Carl Reid, Annapolis, Md



catol Reid - February 25, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JG

“ *Karl was a great supporter of the Naples Dixieland Jazzband, and whenever I saw him in the audience I KNEW we were going to have a good concert. He'd often comment on our performances, and I soon realized how knowledgeable he was about jazz. It was a big part of his life, and he shared many historical recordings with me.*

*He was a jazz enthusiast, but -- more than that -- he was my friend.
And I will miss him !*

*Dr Jim Gover
Naples, Florida*

James Gover - February 21, 2021 at 03:34 PM

DW

“ I send my deepest condolences to Barbara and all of Karl’s family - and to his friends as well, since we will all miss him. When I saw an email arrive from Karl in my inbox, I knew it would light up my day even before I opened it. He sent beautiful photos from around the world, lovely inspirational words of wisdom and lots of delightful humor. All were a treat to open and read and to pass on to others. We’ll all miss his generous spirit .



Deidre Wilson - February 19, 2021 at 02:44 PM

ND

“ Dear Barb and Family – I was so sad to hear about the passing of Karl. You are in my thoughts and have my sincere condolences.

I wanted to take a moment and share a few fond memories of the times I got to spend with Karl and Barb. The first one is the Volk family gatherings we had back in St. Peter, Minnesota. Barb and Karl were there for many of them and we always had great fun and lots of good laughter!

The second memory, and probably my most favorite, is when my Mom and I traveled to the East Coast and stayed for 10 days with Barb and Karl when they lived in Silver Spring, Maryland. My cousin Jon was there also and the three of us had a fabulous time touring around Washington DC. Karl would leave for work early in the morning, but he would always meet up with us in the afternoon or after work. He always gave us very explicit instructions on how to navigate in and around the city and provided us with in-depth information on how and where we should spend our time sight-seeing. He was an excellent tour guide even when he wasn't with us. On the weekend, we traveled out to Annapolis and over to Kent Island. It has been the only time I have ever been to our Nation's Capital and/or Maryland and it is a memory of a fabulous trip that I will always treasure.

Barb and Karl came out to visit our family in California one year and we were able to share with them one of our favorite places – Lake Tahoe.

My Mom passed away in December 2016, but I know if she had been here she would have agreed that these were very special memories for us and we were so incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to spend time with Karl and Barb when we did.

Today, I am even more grateful to know that Mom and Karl are hanging out again on yet another journey, but this time, Mom was there to greet him.

*Love and prayers,
Nancy Dawn
San Jose, CA*

Nancy Dawn - February 15, 2021 at 09:05 PM

MK

“ *I will always have wonderful memories of the fun times we had in Naples and the Eastern Shore with Karl. He will always be remembered for his kina and friendly ways.
Marge Kemerer.*



Margaret KEMERER - February 15, 2021 at 04:22 PM

VK

“ *I've known Karl for for than 20 years. He and Barbara were great friends and we spent many a lunch time together on both shores, and visited them in Florida as well. Occasionally we took our boat out on the Chesapeake Bay with them. I first met him on the various Church committees on which we served. He was one of the kindest people I've ever met.*

Verne Kemerer



VERNE F KEMERER - February 15, 2021 at 03:18 PM

FD

“ *I am very sad to say goodbye to a great person!*

Among other things I enjoyed philosophizing with Karl about classical music, looking at his wonderful photos and laughing with him at humorous videos.

He put a lot of effort into making all of this possible for me in german language.

I am very grateful to have known Karl for the lovable person he was. I will always remember him with loving appreciation.

Note:

The photos are fond memories of my visit to Naples.

Karl's favorite dish at Mel's Diner!!!

Strolling through Naples at night!!!



Frauke Dreiseitel, Deutschland - February 12, 2021 at 09:09 AM

GD

“ Dave, Steve, and Barb,

I am so sorry to hear about Karl. I remember back in the 80's I first knew Karl when he taught the morning class for early teens at Spencerville church. I always looked forward to showing up to hear what he had for us. He was so steady and wise. Of course, there were so many great times at Durant street. One memory that really sticks in my mind is the summer I joined your family vacation at Sunset Beach. Karl couldn't seem to get enough time in on his small Hobie cat sailboat and was taking everyone for rides in the ocean. He was awesome.

I hope God will give you extra peace and comfort during this difficult time. You are in my prayers.

greg davis - February 12, 2021 at 07:18 AM

GD

“ *The great influence of “cool Karl” during my early days growing up near Durant street.*

greg davis - February 11, 2021 at 10:11 PM

LS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



LISA Stevens - February 11, 2021 at 02:35 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Steve Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 01:14 PM

SH

Hanging out with a FRIEND in the Florida Everglades.

Steve Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 01:17 PM

BH

“ 4th of July 2020



Barbara Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 12:25 PM

PC

I think I took this picture! I noticed Karl's twinkle in his eye for his bride, Barbara. Tony and I are new friends but what a sweet couple! Please to the Heissner family at this time.

patricia cipriano - February 13, 2021 at 10:26 AM

BH

“ *October 22, 2020 - 60th Anniversary*



Barbara Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 12:22 PM

BH

“ *Easter Sunday 2019*



Barbara Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 12:18 PM

BH

“ *the Pier in Naples, FL*



Barbara Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 12:15 PM

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At the Pier in Naples

Barbara Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DH

“ *Karl working at Ritz Camera in the 1950s*



David Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM

DH

“ *Saturday afternoon visits*



David Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 11:52 AM

DH

“ *Better times, birthday with his kids. We miss you Karl!*



David Heissner - February 11, 2021 at 11:42 AM