



Kurt M. Salscheider

January 16, 1948 - October 6, 2022

Kurt M. Salscheider, 74, of Bluffton passed away at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 6, 2022, after an extended illness.

He was born on January 16, 1948, in Gatesville, TX, to Bill and Barbara Salscheider. He grew up in Barron, WI. He was a 1966 graduate of Barron High School where he excelled on the varsity golf team. He attended Wisconsin State University at Eau Claire for two years where he was enrolled in the Pre-Engineering Program. He was then accepted to the United States Naval Academy in 1968 where he attained honor roll recognition. During his senior year, he was the 2nd Battalion Operations Officer for the last part of the year. Upon graduation, he entered the Naval Nuclear Submarine Program. He specialized in Nuclear Weapons. He was then assigned to the USS Benjamin Franklin in New London, CT, as Assistant Weapons Officer where he was responsible for the Missile Launcher, Torpedo Room and Sonar divisions. After two patrols, he was awarded his Gold Dolphins representing the completion of his submarine qualification requirements. After four patrols, he was then assigned to the Naval Submarine School in New London, CT, where he was the Nuclear Missile Department Training Officer. Upon completion of that two year assignment, he retired from active service and moved to Bluffton as a Production Supervisor for Corning Glass Works. He worked in the Engineering Departments of other local area firms. He retired from Almco Steel Products as the Engineering Manager in 2014.

During his time in the Naval Reserve, his most rewarding Commanding Officer jobs were Commander of Submarine Squadron 2 and Commander of Submarine Squadron 10, both being in New London, CT. He retired from the Naval Reserves in 1994 as a Commander. He was a member of Hope Missionary Church for twenty years where he was a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Culture Impact Team and administrator of the Pastor-Staff Prayer Partner Ministry.

He is survived by his lovely wife, Ann Flaningam Salscheider of Bluffton; two children, Paul (Christina) Salscheider of Northville, MI, and Abby (Andy) Ault of Bluffton; two step-children, Shannon (Matthew) Wanner of Carmel and Hilary (Deans) Buchanan of Perth, Scotland; five grandchildren, Ellie and Bethany Salscheider, and Konley, Kamryn and Kreigh Ault; seven step-grandchildren, Joshua, Samuel, Madeline and Noah Wanner and

Freya, Dottie and Florence Buchanan; a brother, Karl Salscheider of Cass Lake, MN; and his mother, Barbara Salscheider of Bemidji, MN.

Funeral services will take place at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Gary Aupperle officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton, with full military honors by the United States Navy Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton Honor Guard.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 P.M. on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Sunday.

Memorials may be made in Kurt's memory to Helping Hands in Bluffton or Samaritan's Purse, through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

OCT 16. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

OCT 16. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kurt M. Salscheider*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - October 15, 2022 at 05:29 PM

SH

“ *So sorry to hear about Kurt dying Ann, and Hilary.*



Sarah Heister - May 06, 2025 at 07:54 AM

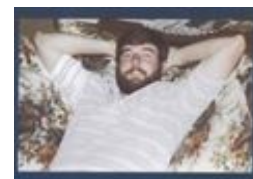
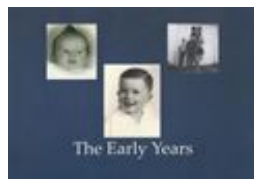
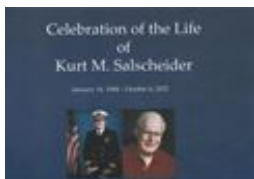
JD

“ *To Ann and the family we share our sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. May fond memories carry you through the rough times ahead.*

JerrynCindy Dillon - October 16, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *58 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - October 15, 2022 at 05:23 PM

DM

“ Dear Ann,

*Even when the sea was rough
Your sailor showed great courage.
For not alone, he held his own
With each tempestuous ride.*

*Ann, as you watch his boat from shore,
Please don't be discouraged.
For as it stands, Kurt's "in good Hands"
With Jesus at his side.*

*Love you my precious Friend,
Deb Miller-McConiga*

Deb Miller-McConiga - October 14, 2022 at 01:33 AM

RH

“ Dear SC Ann & family,

We are so sorry to learn of Kurt's passing. What an amazing, unique, and accomplished man he was . . . but you knew all that. You and Kurt really showed everyone what true love and devotion are all about. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Your TN SCs, Robert & Joy Hummel

Robert Hummel - October 13, 2022 at 11:24 PM

JS

“ Dear Ann, family and friends of Kurt,

On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Kurt's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN-640). To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country. Ann and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).

*Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,
National Chaplain, USSVI.*

Jim Sandman - October 11, 2022 at 05:14 PM

SC

“ Andy and Abby, so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are coming your way, GOD BLESS. MARSHA AND SAM CRICKARD

Sam and Marsha Crickard - October 10, 2022 at 08:58 PM

SC

“ Ann, so sorry for your loss, GOD BLESS AND SENDING YOU PRAYERS. MARSHA AND SAM CRICKARD

Sam and Marsha Crickard - October 10, 2022 at 08:55 PM

MM

“ Ann and Family,
I am deeply saddened by the passing of Kurt. Dave and I were very fortunate to have known him. He was a good friend and although he had his own health trials to deal with he and Ann always prayed for and gave encouragement to us. I am happy Kurt is healed, his struggles are over and he is at perfect peace with Jesus.
I am praying Ann, that you and your family will feel God's presence giving you comfort and peace in the days ahead.
Marquita Merchant

Marquita Merchant - October 10, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kurt M. Salscheider.



October 10, 2022 at 03:56 PM

RJ

“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Roy and Nancy Johnson

Roy Johnson - October 09, 2022 at 08:31 PM

LD

“ Kurt has been my brother-in-law since 1972, and even after a divorce, he was still my brother-in-law, and I loved him. He was a gentle giant, kind, smart, and a devoted family man. I will miss him.

L E DeHaven

L E dehaven - October 08, 2022 at 02:42 PM

AD

“ Truly a gentle giant who loved the Lord. His wisdom will be missed by the Daugherty's.

Alan Daugherty - October 08, 2022 at 05:59 AM

R. Tom Sizemore

“ Kurt was a fantastic friend. During our plebe year at the US Naval Academy, I, being from central West Virginia, had a remarkable Appalachian accent! Kurt agreed to help me with my diction - but only if I quit using colloquialisms. I asked what he meant! He said, "Size, you've got to quit saying things like 'Cuter than a speckled assed pup'!!!". We were there in 1968 - before hand calculators. Kurt would - in his head - balance my checkbook when I simply called out all the amounts of checks & deposits!. Of course, his SAT was 800 in math!!

R. Tom Sizemore - October 07, 2022 at 02:39 PM

R. Tom Sizemore

“ 3 files added to the album Kurt at the US Naval Academy



R. Tom Sizemore - October 07, 2022 at 02:32 PM

JR

My sympathy goes out to all of the family of Kurt's. He has had many years of health problems to endure and he did it admirably. His faith continued.

Jo Ann Record - October 12, 2022 at 06:08 PM