



Kurt Arne Eriksson

1938—2021

Kurt Arne Eriksson of San Jose, passed away Tuesday January 12th, 2021 at the age of 82. Born in Hunnestad, Sweden, Kurt was raised by his parents, Erik and Elvira Andersson.

After graduating from Chalmers University in Gothenberg, getting married and having 2 fabulous daughters, Lena and Rika, he and his family left his native Sweden for the Netherlands and then on to the US where he began his 26 year career at Comsat. Kurt's profession in the aerospace industry took him and his family to Sweden, California, Germany and finally back to California where he spent the remainder of his life. Following his long tenure at Comsat, Kurt worked for Stellar Solutions as consulting engineer until retiring at the age of 78.

Kurt loved old cars and was constantly tinkering with and fixing things. He always had a project going, from building a shed in his back yard to developing new patents or learning C++. Kurt was a mentor to new engineers starting their careers in the aerospace industry. Most of all, he loved his family. Kurt is survived by his wife and soulmate, Diane Eriksson, his daughter and son-in-law Lena and Bill Salus of Wilmington DE and daughter and son-in-law Rika and Brion Tanous of Rancho Palos Verdes CA. Kurt relished in his role as "Pop" and Grandfather to Will, Anya, Pete, Jack, James and David. He was looking forward to getting to know his 2 great-granddaughters, Emma & Madison. He was predeceased by his parents and his granddaughter Anya Linnea Salus.

Kurt loved traveling the world, but his favorite place to visit was Sweden. There he spent time with his brothers Owe and Stellan and their families, and his aunts, uncles, cousins and his childhood friends with whom he always kept close contact with.

Kurt had so much joy in what he did, it took him many years before he finally retired at the age of 78. Kurt was respected and admired in his work. Colleagues describe him as a gentleman and intellectual, kind and meticulous. He was a gentle soul who loved nothing more than sharing his wisdom and being a mentor to many.

Due to COVID, visitation and services for family and friends will be held at a later time when we can all get together to celebrate his life and be together in his honor. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Sempervirens Fund 419 South San Antonio Road, Ste. 211, Los Altos CA 94022-3640 benefitting the redwood forests in the Santa Cruz Mountains, sempervirens.org or a to a cause that is close to your heart.

