



Dr. Kurt W. Weiler

March 16, 1943 - April 17, 2016

Dr. Kurt W. Weiler passed away at home surrounded by family on April 17, 2016. He fought a courageous battle against prostate cancer for 24 years. Kurt was born on March 16, 1943 in Phoenix, Arizona. He is survived by his beloved wife Geertje, his three adopted children Anil, Sanna and Corinn (son in law Chris); mother Dorothy and brother Robert.

After receiving his PhD from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in 1970, he began his career as a Research Fellow at Caltech. In 1970, he moved to Haren in Groningen, Netherlands to work for the Netherlands Foundation for Radio Astronomy. Thereafter, he worked for Laboratorio di Radioastronomia in Bologna, Italy and then the Max Planck Institut fur Radio Astronomie in Bonn, Germany. Kurt always loved Europe and the lifestyle there, and met his wife Geertje there. After nearly a decade, Kurt returned to the U.S. to work for the National Science Foundation, and finally the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in Washington, D.C.

Kurt was an internationally known and respected scientist. He had a long and illustrious career in radio astronomy, which has included many important and pioneering accomplishments, excellence in scientific research and an outstanding track record of mentoring young scientists and engineers. Among his most important accomplishments is the discovery of Radio Supernovae (RSNe) and his subsequent large body of exemplary work on this

phenomenon. RSNe, are currently an important area of study in astrophysics.

During his career, he wrote more than 250 publications, served as editor to seven books, was invited to lecture at over 50 meetings and conferences and holds a patent. However, Kurt's most abiding contribution to the future of science and technology in the U.S. and at NRL, are the high quality young scientists and engineers he has guided and mentored throughout his career.

Personally, Kurt had a passion for Jaguar cars, was an avid skier and loved to be with family. There was nothing that he couldn't fix. We will miss his silly jokes, his guidance, honesty and his warm loving personality.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria VA on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Prostate Cancer Research Institute.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Kurt W. Weiler*

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“ *What a wonderful life and man. God Bless you!
Your friend from high school.*

August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Sanna, Corinn, Anil and Mrs. Weiler, Our whole family sends our deepest sympathies on the loss of your father and husband. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Cara, Shaun, Danny and Betsy O'Connor*

April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“Wow what a stellar man! You all must be beyond proud to have such an amazing man for a husband and father. It's so hard to say goodbye when our loved one leaves this world to make another home in the heavens, but you all have such a beautiful blessing to have known and loved such a wonderful man. God bless you all. My prayers are with you.
All our love---Lisa & Austin Cross XO

April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“Ooooooh our lovely Kurt....We will really miss you. What can I write about you? I will never forget your visits to the Netherlands for our graduation with Corinn, your vacation visits with Geertje, our short trips in Europe always with my little mymou Corinn, in Valencia or in CefalÃ¹, your hospitality when you had me and Mark in The States In every situation there was always your kindness, your support, your logic and your humor. We will never forget you and what an amazing man you have been. We are so happy meeting you and having us around you and your family. You will always be in our hearts. Big love to you and don't worry Mr. Kurt :), we will always be next to Geertje, Corinn, Sanna, Anil and Chris. We will always remember you with a big smile. Love Vilie and Mark

April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“Our condolences to Kurt's family. We will be praying for the repose of his soul. He was a good man. We will remember him always.
Sam and Mike Oetjen

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