

Herbert H. KG Pollehn

February 27, 1933 - April 22, 2019

Herbert Karl Pollehn was born on 2-27-1933 in Wiesbaden, Germany. His early years were spent in nearby Buchholz and he completed high school in Hamburg. His love for science was evident early in life and he eventually obtained both a Master's Degree (1961) and a PhD in Physics (1966) from the University of Hamburg. He married Karin Stach on August 6, 1960 in Buchholz. His daughter Susanne was born in 1962 followed by his son Stefan in 1965. In early 1967 the family moved to America, eventually settling in the northern Virginia area. A second son, Thomas, was born in 1968. He became a United States citizen in 1973.

Herbert spent his career working with infrared optic technology. He started his employment at the Night Vision Laboratory – U.S. Army, Fort Belvoir, VA – in 1967 as a research physician. He gradually reached the position of team leader of the Image Intensifier Tube Technology Team. After many years of hard work he became the Director of the Infrared Technology Division in 1986. Several years later in 1992 he became the Associate Chief of the Electro Optics Division at the newly established Army Research Laboratory (ARL). He retired from the Federal Government in May 2008.

Besides physics, Herbert had many lifelong passions. He was always there for his family. He coached his son's and granddaughter's soccer teams and was a Mansion House Swim Team rep. He was an avid and prolific gardener; he would keep his family with a fresh supply of fruits and vegetables nearly year round! He was always helping his children and granddaughter with their

schoolwork, especially with math and science. He played soccer well into this 50s and of course cheered on his beloved Die Mannschaft (German national soccer team). He will be sorely missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
8710 Mount Vernon Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309
<https://www.gs-cc.org/>

Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Ivy Hill Cemetery
2823 King St
Alexandria, VA 22302

Tribute Wall

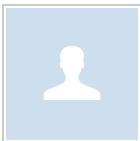
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“ I remember Dr. Herbert Pollehn to be an extremely kind, respectful, fine and polite supervisor. He was a serious intellectual and brilliant scientist who also had a good sense of humor and a funny laugh. He was very devoted to his family and loved them very much. He had a strong German accent and enjoyed telling me where he was from in Germany. Dr. Pollen interviewed me as one out of 22 other women to be his Secretary when he was the GS-14 Director, Image Intensifier Engineering Team at the U.S. Army Night Vision Laboratory, Fort Belvoir, VA, in 1982. I was selected for the job because as he said that I was the only job candidate who had a college degree. I worked for Dr. Pollehn for three years until I was selected to become the Secretary to two of the GS-15 Associate Directors to the SES Director in the top floor Front Office of the U.S. Army Night Vision Laboratory. It was a great privilege to work for Dr. Pollehn who helped to set my path for going next to work for just six weeks for Dr. Louis Cameron at the Pentagon in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Aquisition in Room 3E474 and also 3E510 next door. Dr. Cameron formerly was one of the SES Directors of the U.S. Army Night Vision Laboratory who came to the Pentagon. Dr. Cameron then retired. So God used Dr. Pollehn to make the connections for me to work in his office and then to keep advancing to work in higher and higher level offices. I am forever very grateful. I am a Holy Spirit filled born again Christian since age 19. I am so very thankful that I left working in Pentagon Offices 3E474 and 3E510 in 1990 because the jet that flew into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 hit exactly at that same location at the first and second floor levels. I had applied to work for the Republican politically appointed three star equivalent civilian Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug Enforcement Policy in Pentagon Room 2E538. This Office narrowly missed being hit on September 11, 2001 since it was just 190 feet away from the point of the jet impact where it flew into the building. I am forever thankful to my Lord and Savior and King Jesus Christ for sparing my life! I was just coming into the building for my most



unusual late shift at 0945 when the airplane struck. I was inside the Ladies Room around the corner in the 5th Corridor on the B Ring and on the second floor. I was getting ready to go into my office and was putting on my right contact lens when the airplane struck. The fuselage stopped one floor and a number of feet below me. MSgt Michael Black, USAF, in my office was there and called me to say that the windows blew in behind my back work area blew in, both the inner and outer windows, and the curtains caught on fire. I am so thankful to God that I was not there then yet at 0937. My Mom a strong Pentecostal born again Christian would read Psalm 91 to us every morning before I left to go to work. It is all about God's divine protection. We believed the Word here in the Holy Bible and applied it to our lives by faith, covering ourselves in God's protection and by faith in the atoning blood of our Master Jesus Christ!!!! Amazing Grace! I called my Dad who said, "Susan, you've just seen war!" Dad was a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, USMA Class of 1949, West Point, NY, and served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and later in retirement became the President of his own builder-developer corporation Edman Enterprises, Inc. His company built the Oakbrooke single family homes subdevelopment and the Briary Farm (correct spelling) townhomes subdevelopment, both located on the old River Farm property of President George Washington! Dr. Pollehn was a humble extremely talented man who generously served out very great U.S. Department of the Army. He is well remembered, appreciated and missed! All the glory goes to God Almighty forevermore in the powerful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit! Amen and Amen!!!!

Susan Hindman - April 09 at 05:59 PM



“ **Herbert H. KG Pollehn**

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Herbert H. KG Pollehn.



June 06, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Herbert H. KG Pollehn.



June 04, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert H. KG Pollehn.



June 03, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ Christa E. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Herbert H. KG Pollehn.



Christa E. - June 02, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Herbert H. KG Pollehn.*



May 25, 2019 at 12:39 PM