

Uldis Ezernieks

November 20, 1941 - May 11, 2013

"Because I could not stop for Death, He kindly stopped for me..."

-Emily Dickinson 1830-1886

Uldis Ezernieks, age 71, of Alexandria, VA & Memphis, TN passed away at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Alexandria, VA on Saturday, 11 May 2013 of complications from Wegener's Granulomatosis, a rare form of vasculitis.

He was born in Gulbene, Latvia in 1941 and spent his early childhood there. He left Latvia with his family to escape the ravages of WWII and made the long journey through war torn Latvia to Germany. After spending time in a US Army displaced persons camp in Germany, he & his family immigrated in 1948 to America, where they became naturalized citizens. They settled in Memphis, TN, where he attended Bellevue Elementary School and graduated from East High School in 1959. He attended CBC in Memphis before joining the US Army. During his deployment to Augsburg, Germany in 1965 he married Linda Boyd of Memphis, TN. After completing his Army tour, he and Linda remained in Augsburg, where their two children were born.

He worked as a civilian employee for the Department of the Army in Augsburg from 1966 to 1974 and as an employee of the Department of Defense Schools

in Giessen, Germany from 1974 to 2003. In 2004, after retirement, he and Linda moved to Alexandria, VA where he enjoyed visiting museums in the area.

Uldis was a talented, creative and innovative person, who was dedicated to excellence in craftsmanship in everything he made or built, and was happiest when he had a project to work on. He enjoyed WWII documentaries and history. He loved his family and cousins and always thought fondly of the good times spent with them. He will be remembered for his kindness, his creativity, his willingness to help others and his patience in teaching and sharing his knowledge. Even though he is no longer here, he was much loved and will be in our hearts forever.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda, his son, Kevin, his daughter, Vanessa, his niece Jennifer Tomes, his nephew Greg King and his cousins, Maruta Krastins, Juris Jurbergs and Atis Jurbergs.

A private memorial service will be held in Memphis, TN

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made the Bedford Stem Cell Research Foundation or to the American Red Cross

Tribute Wall



“ *Uldis Ezernieks*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:48 AM



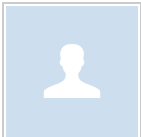
“ *A terrific person in all respects! Can still see the twinkle in his eye and the huge grin through the beard....all the way back to 1965-66-67. Thank you for being my friend!*

July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda, Kevin & Vanessa,
I will always remember Uldis with his big smile and always willing to help everyone. He would always say aw Susan another big hug. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Sherm & Susan Olson*

June 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was with much sadness that I learned of Uldis' passing. My wife, Larissa and I have very fond memories of our time together with Uldis during our 5 years in Giessen, Germany. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Charlie and Larissa Toth*

May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda, Kevin, and Vanessa,
I am very saddened to learn of Uldis’s passing. He was a brilliant and very kind person. Giessen Elementary School was my first overseas experience; Uldis was there to help me navigate all the challenges that I encountered. He always made time for conversation; he always had an idea of how to fix whatever needed fixing. I will remember his quick wit and ready smile. Please accept my deepest condolences. Nancy Huhra Rowley

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Such a kind, wonderful soul! I can't think of my years in Germany without thinking of him. Uldis was always upbeat, helpful, and had the answer to all problems! So saddened to hear of his passing, my thoughts are with Linda and the children.
Ashley Cole

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Uldis was one of the kindest, gentlest and smartest persons that I ever had the pleasure of meeting in DoDDS. He never lost his patience in explaining to those he was helping about what made things work, or how to make things work. Condolences to his wife Linda, and family.

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda, Kevin, and Vanessa,
I am so sorry for your loss! Uldis was a wonderful man. He was one of the first to greet me when I arrived in Giessen! I will always remember him as a man of kindness, respect, and full of life!
Rhonda Bean

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was at Giessen Elementary School (1981-84) and remember a younger Uldis taking care of everything in the school, including us young teachers. Because he brought the mail, he was known to us all. I remember a bearded, long-haired man with a quick smile and great advice. My condolences to his family and friends who will miss a great soul.

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Uldis. His smile, advice and help in many things helped make my years at Giessen Elementary School a wonderful experience. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry Lindaâ€¦. Uldis was an amazing man â€“ I cannot tell you enough how much EVERYONE at Giessen enjoyed working with him. He had such a knack of making hard work fun, and he was the MOST organized person on the planet! His sense of humor, warm heart, and incredible work ethic made him a wonderful person and friend to know. Lisa, Leonard, Connie, and I (just to name a few!) always loved chatting with him on a daily basis and hearing all his stories. (And he had so many to tell!) My heart is so very heavy today after hearing the news of his passing, but I feel so very blessed to have been able to call him a true friend. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Uldis was a good friend and contributed greatly to the lives of the teachers and students at the Giessen Schools for many years. He will be sorely missed. David and Vidabeth Bensen

May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Fond memories of Uldis remain
ANN and BURKHARD and LUCIE BURSKI

May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM