



Carl Raymond Kirsch

December 9, 1940 - May 23, 2014

Carl Raymond Kirsch, age 73 of Harriman, TN passed at home on May 23, 2014 with his loving wife of twenty years by his side. Carl, a 1962 graduate of the California Maritime Academy, loved language, music and was an omnivorous reader. He was skilled craftsman and engineer, a talented sailor and a natural athlete with an incredible wit that brought much laughter throughout his life. Carl loved east Tennessee and we are delighted that he made his home here.

He is survived by wife Leslie Kirsch
Sons Lawrence, Thomas and Peter Kirsch
Stepdaughter Tryphena Stone

Special thanks to Thompson Cancer Center and Covenant Hospice for treating him with dignity and respect. Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston in charge of arrangements

Tribute Wall

TE

“ Carl was the guy we always considered as the guy with "smarts". He was a fun guy to listen to when he spoke. He used words a lot of us never heard of but thought was pretty cool. We are all saddened by Carl's passing and will toast him when we gather in Wyoming later in the year.

God speed and farewell, Carl.....Finished with Engines

Terry and you classmates/shipmates of 1962

Terry Purdom - Classmate CMA E-62 - May 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I knew him for just three years but my memory of him is indelible.

Darryl Mayberry - Everett, WA - Classmate CMA 1962D - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I met Carl in 1959 when we entered Cal Maritime. He was in the Engine Dept and I was in the Deck Dept so we didn't have a lot of close contact but really got to talk to Carl and know him a lot better at our 50th anniversary. I enjoyed his wit and sense of humor and sad to hear we have lost another of our classmates. My thoughts and prayers go out to the familyu9

Dave Sutherland D-62 - Vacavill, CA - Classmate, CMA - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I have several letters from Carl, some of which I answered already and the last two of which I didn't. You needed to have your facts marshaled already before you tried to adequately respond to one of Carl's occasional shots across your bow because he certainly did. In the end, I think we were even, not that either of us would admit it.

A worthy adversary, a friend when you needed it. The British have a saying, "When one of us is cut, we all bleed". Now I'll never get to dig up some obscure factoid to throw Carl's argument off the track. Guess I'll have to wait until we're together again, with a foot each on the lowest rail of the hand rail system, just out of arm's reach so he couldn't quite reach the back of my head with his arm.

A good friend. A good shipmate, he'll be missed ... God speed.

David Winter - Forest Knolls,, CA - pal - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We will miss you immensely Carl! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends. Love, Tim and Adrienne

Adrienne and Tim - Harriman, TN - Friends - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM