



David Allen Engstrom

November 28, 1941 - December 1, 2017

David Allen Engstrom, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on December 1, 2017, at the age of 76.

He is preceded in death by his parents Chester David Engstrom and Lorain Evett Engstrom, and brother-in-law, Herman Robert van der Meer. Survivors include his wife Ingrid Engstrom, brother Daniel Engstrom (Patti), nephew Scott Engstrom, nieces Kristina Schotanus (Brad), Britt Gosenheimer (Steve), sister-in-law, Marleen Weems (Tim), nieces Sherri Mitchell (Alan), Stacey Hoge (Aaron), and numerous grand nieces and grand nephews. Also left to mourn his loss are Zoe Logan and Bill and Carrie Flynn.

David was born November 28, 1941, in Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, Illinois.

He graduated from Purdue University in June 1964 with a BS in Math. He entered the U.S. Army in October 1964 and was assigned to Kagnev Station Asmara (Eritrea), Ethiopia and served there as an Italian linguist with the Army Security Agency from September 1965 to October 1968 when he was honorably discharged. After the military, he attended the University of Cincinnati Graduate School of Business and earned an MBA in Quantitative Analysis in the spring of 1971.

David started his career at First Pennsylvania Bank in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in July 1971, where he soon met his wife to be, Ingrid van der Meer. He left the bank in January 1979 to accept the position of Vice President, Finance and Administration, with EDP Systems Inc (ESI) in

Tallahassee, and asked Ingrid to come with him as his wife. They were married on February 17, 1979, and remained in Tallahassee.

David was able to fulfill a lifelong desire for travel, especially in developing countries, where he met many new friends world-wide. He spoke fluent Italian and Spanish and learned Portuguese so he could communicate with Brazilians in their own language. Vietnam was his favorite country, and he continued to visit many times. During these trips, he developed close friendships with Tuan and Dung.

David will be missed by many people who will remember his unique wit, sense of humor, sharp mind, thirst for knowledge, and caring ways.

He will be laid to rest in the Tallahassee National Cemetery where a private family gathering will take place. Memorial gifts may be made to Big Bend Hospice, Tallahassee, Florida. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Engstrom family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall



“ *As a neighbor, I always enjoyed seeing David walking in Northshire. He was quick with a wave and a smile. Ingrid, I am sorry for your loss*



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Karen Myers - December 18, 2017 at 03:26 PM

ZL

“ Uncle Dave. Even as I write this, these words still will only scratch the surface of what you have and will always mean to me. Since 1979, you have been my inspiration. Someone I look up to and aspire to be more like. You inspired me to learn about the world, to travel and explore, to embrace science and knowledge, culture and diversity, to love and appreciate nature, and most importantly, to better myself as a human being. All the occasions when you could have been hanging with the grown ups, and doing grown up fun things, you choose to sit with a little chatty kid on the sofa and share your National Geographic magazines, science journals and books. You always made time to answers all my questions, never dismissing me or my thoughts and opinions. You treated me as an equal. I took my early morning walk through the field today, looking at the new trees species I had planted, and marveling at natures ability to regenerate, and my first thought was..... I saw a new tree species that had sprung up, I got so excited, and my first thought was.... "I can't wait to uncle Dave what I found"..... my walks, my discoveries, my adventures, my travels, will never be the same now that you've crossed over. Without you to share them with, a part of my light is gone. Oh Uncle Dave, I am going to miss you. Now you've embarked on the most epic journey of your existence and where ever you are, I know you're exploring and experiencing existence on a new level. Keep exploring Uncle Dave. I Love You.

Zoe Logan - December 10, 2017 at 12:54 PM

PH

I, just, found out Dave's passing, Dearest Ingrid! My heart is, most certainly, broken! Ergo, You two lovebirds were, positively, "made for one another", indeed! You are in my very lovingly thoughts, and, also, in my very lovingly prayers! Love Always, Peggy Hanly!

Peggy Hanly - November 01, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ You will be missed Brother. Thank you for your service to our country, Sir.

John Hallahan - December 09, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ I have a lot of fond memories of David and Ingrid but two of those come to the forefront more so than some of the others.



The earlier one being of us all stuck in our rooms at PCB during an awful storm. David had Shana and Zoe mesmerized by doing card tricks for them. They loved him so very much.

The second one was the love and care that they gave to one of our foster kids. They made her feel like she belonged and was loved. Alice was not with us a long time but The Lion King hit theaters very soon after they moved her. David and Ingrid joined us to go see it with Alice and Brian. we had a wonderful time.

Rex loved to see David enjoying holiday meals (all meals).

We will miss David very much. He was special in many ways and had a talent with kids.

We love you David. And Ingrid, we love you and will continue to pray for you and David's family.

Rex and Connie Moody - December 08, 2017 at 04:41 PM

JE

“ It is often said that one's "life on earth is a precious gift"...but I submit that David's life was more a 'gift' to those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Godspeed to a kind, and unassuming, friend....

John Ehrhardt - December 08, 2017 at 03:38 PM

JE

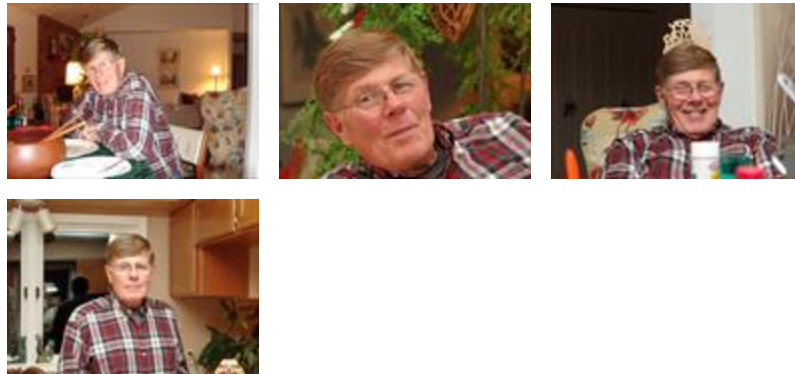
“ John & Laura Ehrhardt lit a candle in memory of David Allen Engstrom



John & Laura Ehrhardt - December 06, 2017 at 06:46 PM

JE

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John Ehrhardt - December 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM



Great photos of Dave - thanks for sharing.

Rena Gomach - December 06, 2017 at 08:58 PM

RM

Sure gonna miss that smile.

Rex and Connie Moody - December 08, 2017 at 04:44 PM

TG

“*David was my best adviser and analyst about what is going on in Florida and national legislation and politics. Sometimes he played "Devil's advocate". He was a favorite, very knowledgeable and brilliant intellect to bounce ideas off of. Also, I remember him as a great crew member on numerous sail and power cruises. There is no way to replace him. I will miss him for the rest of my days. My condolences to Ingrid and to Dave's brother.*

Ted Guy - December 05, 2017 at 04:44 PM

BG

“*David, You proudly served your country. Speaking for all of your friends that served with you at Kagne Station, we thank you. You will always be in our hearts.
Rest in peace my friend.*

Ingrid

Be very proud of David's military service, he volunteered to serve, less than 1% of us do. The Army Security Agency played an important role in keeping this country safe. David played an intricate role in this effort.

Bob Gomach - December 05, 2017 at 11:41 AM