



## Kurt G. Lieblong

May 26, 1963 - July 21, 2021

Kurt G. Lieblong, age 58, of Tallahassee, FL, passed away peacefully at home with family, after a 5-year battle against cancer.

Kurt was born in Philadelphia, PA. His family moved to Largo, FL, in 1972. In middle school, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He attended Largo High School and graduated in 1981. He then went on to Auburn University. He joined the Theta Xi Fraternity, where he met many life-long friends. He graduated in December 1986 with a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering. He worked at Florida Power & Light after graduation for 9 years, 6 years as a Construction Engineer and 3 as a Process Engineer. While at Florida Power & Light, he gained valuable experience in quality improvement. In June 1999, he joined FDOT as their State Value Engineer. He was a registered Professional Engineer and for a time a certified building contractor in the State of Florida. Kurt was preceded in death by his father, Karl G. Lieblong, and his older sister Debra L. Lieblong; grandparents, Catherine Lieblong and George and Nellie Sweade.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years Linda. His son, Michael T. Lieblong (Orlando) and daughter Megan R. Lieblong (fiancé Ryan Weisenbeck) of Minneapolis; Mother Lois S. Lieblong of Tallahassee; sisters Robin Allen (Gary) of Largo, Suzi Brock (Scott) of Tallahassee; nephews Brandon Keller and Devin Keller (Michelle); and Sandy and Bill Kappes of Tallahassee (Linda's parents).

Celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Bevis

Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL, 32303 at 4:00 PM. It will be live-streamed.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks friends to honor his memory by contributing to support one of the following organizations in his name:

UF Health Cancer Center, Office of Development, PO Box 103633, Gainesville, FL 32610 or [www.cancer.ufl.edu](http://www.cancer.ufl.edu) – (synovial sarcoma)

Alan Kurtz – long-time friend of the family and Kurt believed in his Alan's cause - [https://give.roswellpark.org/site/TR/SpecialEvents/General?px=1162710&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1640](https://give.roswellpark.org/site/TR/SpecialEvents/General?px=1162710&pg=personal&fr_id=1640)

Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308, [www.bigbendhospice.charityproud.org](http://www.bigbendhospice.charityproud.org)

Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) )

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 31. 4:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kurt G. Lieblong*



Bevis Funeral Home - July 31, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kurt G. Lieblong*



Bevis Funeral Home - July 29, 2021 at 01:15 PM

RR

*Jose - Your post is spot on. Thank you for sharing. I have know Kurt since 1981. Kurt loved working for FDOT and always spoke about the great people he worked with.*

Russ Reynolds - July 29, 2021 at 06:42 PM

FT

“ From your friends at TIAA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.



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**From your friends at TIAA** - August 13, 2021 at 11:27 AM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Steve Holmes** - August 02, 2021 at 10:45 PM

SH

*I met Kurt 20 years ago through the AASHTO Value Engineering Technical Committee. He was always ready to offer calm and insightful advice to the committee and put effort into making our activities successful. He was known as one of the pillars of the committee and I appreciated his advice and assistance as I tried to build a VE program in Ontario, Canada. Kurt hosted a fantastic VE conference in Tampa Bay in 2003. His conference was hard to beat because who else would think to bring in a hypnotist to a conference of skeptical engineers and soon have people on the stage doing amazing and humorous things. I was glad to see Kurt and Linda at SAVE conference in Niagara Falls Ontario in 2016 but I am not sure the view of the falls competed with all the fun and good will as Kurt's Tampa Bay conference and the other committee meetings he hosted. I am very sorry to hear about Kurt's passing. .*

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**Steve Holmes** - August 02, 2021 at 11:00 PM

TB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Tim Brock** - July 31, 2021 at 04:13 PM

BB

“ I had the blessing of working with Kurt and know him for 20 years. He always encouraged his co-workers to do there best and find cost savings and efficiencies through the value engineering program. A very steady, humble person with always a smile, i would see him every month to hear his report to the executive committee, back when i was at FDOT. He touched a lot of people in a positive way including myself. He leaves quite a legacy as a great person and role model. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Lieblong family. Brian Blanchard, former Assistant Secretary.

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**Brian Blanchard** - July 31, 2021 at 04:08 PM

BB

“ The news of Kurt's passing was heartbreaking, There are never enough words to express the sorrow and the pain of losing a loved one. I really enjoyed getting to know Kurt while serving on the Engineering and Operations Awards Committee... he was such a great guy and fun person to talk to. Please know that I am thinking of the family and praying for peace and comfort.

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**Brennan Blanchard** - July 31, 2021 at 04:00 PM

JJ

“Kurt will be very missed. He was my supervisor for several years and to this day one of the very best. May God be with you and your family during this time.



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**Jodi Jarrell** - July 31, 2021 at 03:51 PM

TB

“ Kurt always met challenges with a smile. He tackled all matters large and small with empathy and how our families were impacted. He was truly a family man. This makes it so difficult for me to write because I know his family dearly misses him. I have worked with Kurt since back in 2006. I recall our design conferences and our skits over the years...especially the “risk management zone”. OMG...he would laugh so hard when we practiced the evening before our presentation. Of course, during the skit, we would ‘ad-lib’ so whatever we practiced that night before really didn’t matter. This made us laugh even more. Greg, Kurt, and I would look at each other wondering what we would say next...while Rob kept everyone in check and on pace with his behind the curtain deep ‘Rod Serling’ voice. We delivered that same skit for several years and of course our speaking parts were always a bit different. The goal of educating others and helping make their projects more efficient was accomplished.

Kurt’s passion was imparting knowledge onto others so they can better understand how and where they fit into the larger picture of FDOT. I am confident to say that Kurt has saved FDOT billions (with a 💎💎B”) of tax dollars. No other person within FDOT can really put that on their resume. Kurt can. His desire to help others learn, keep family on the forefront of his decisions, and have empathy for others is what I will always remember and keep near to my heart. While Kurt may no longer physically be with us, his FDOT Value Engineering legacy will never be forgotten nor replicated. His name and his accomplishments will always be in the ‘FDOT archives’ which makes me smile and realize, YES one person can change the course of the Department.

Tim B.

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Tim Brock - July 30, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.*



July 30, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.*



July 30, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.*



July 30, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Greg Davis & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.*



**Greg Davis & Family** - July 29, 2021 at 10:30 PM

MS

“ Mike, Kim, Kate, and Maddie Spoor purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.



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**Mike, Kim, Kate, and Maddie Spoor** - July 29, 2021 at 10:23 PM

FR

“ FSU - Human Resources purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.



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**FSU - Human Resources** - July 29, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JT

“ I met Kurt in 2007 while discovering ways to improve our beloved FDOT. From that day I realized that he was a very special person; and that I was lucky to be associated with him. And every time we crossed paths I got to admire him more. He was a person of principles, walked tall and straight as an arrow, always positive and a true role model for many of us. His smile and humility would humble and command any room; what a great colleague he was. As much as he loved FDOT, his family always came first and foremost was the center of his life; he always had something to do for them and looked forward to be with them; he wouldn't wait a minute after concluding our business to go back to them. Oh yes, he was a family man indeed.

On any conversation he was always more focused on everyone else's views rather than his own because he wanted to listen and because he cared. He elevated us in stature every time we met because he made us feel relevant; because he cared. Oh yes, he was a true leader indeed.

We had periodic talks about our battles, he lost his and I am sad because I'll miss him. I truly believe in my heart that he left us because he completed a mission and he has started a new one in a better place. I can see him smiling from above, selflessly wishing he could comfort us. Well Kurt, you are. Thank you for the good memories, they'll remind me that you made us better. I wish Kurt's family and all his friends know this and, in time, can find comfort and refuge in it.

Jose Theiler

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Jose Theiler - July 29, 2021 at 09:40 AM

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“ *(The Willenbrinks and Murrays) purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.*



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**(The Willenbrinks and Murrays)** - July 29, 2021 at 09:05 AM

SB

“ *Pat and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Linda, Michael, Megan, Ms. Lois, Robin, Suzi and all the Lieblong and extended families. Kurt was a mighty fine man-great son, brother, husband, father, friend. We enjoyed many extended family gatherings in Tallahassee around holidays and special occasions. I so enjoyed chatting with Kurt on many topics, but particularly sports. He had an encyclopedic memory of many sports, games and players. We had one or two discussions about Auburn and FSU as well. We pray for God's peace, comfort, and richest blessings for Linda, Ms Lois and all the family.*  
*Steve Brock*

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**Steve & Pat Brock** - July 28, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.*



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July 28, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.*



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July 27, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Toland's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.*



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**Toland's** - July 26, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Kurt loved this family so much and I know your hearts are broken. When you work and travel with someone for over 20 years, you get to know their families through stories. Linda, he held you in utmost respect and never said one negative thing about you. He loved spending time with you. I remember his laugh and great sense of humor. As a supervisor, he encouraged his employees to grow and let them know what he expected. He was highly respected nationally for his work in SAVE. Remember his laugh, his love, heart and sense of humor.*

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**Dianne Perkins** - July 26, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Linda, we are so sorry to hear of Kurt's passing. Please accept our condolences 🌸.  
Hugs and prayers to Michael and Megan.*

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**suzanne megary** - July 26, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kurt G. Lieblong.



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July 25, 2021 at 10:40 PM