



## Kurt Reimer

July 16, 1952 - November 21, 2024

Kurt Reimer, 72, of Tallahassee, FL died peacefully in his home on November 21, 2024. Kurt did not die of cancer, he lived in spite of it for an amazing three years after the diagnosis of Stage IV lung cancer with bone and brain metastases.

Kurt lived large and very much enjoyed the gift of gab with friends and strangers alike. He embraced hard physical work that included gathering and chopping firewood, reclaiming thousands of used bricks, and collecting used buckets from assorted job sites. He also collected recycleable metals and other left over building materials from various job sites. He took pride in being able to provide any needed tools and building supplies to family and neighbors, often answering the phone, "Reimer's new, used and abused building materials and supplies. If we don't have it, you don't need it". Another persona we will all remember is Kurt's role as "Chef Boy Howdee", baker and grill master of sumptuous chocolate chip cookies and barbequed chicken. He proudly shared his culinary creations with friends and family, especially remembering each of his brother's birthdays with overflowing plates of his delectable homemade cookies. Kurt had great gusto for life and at the age of 22, his exuberance for living prompted him to strike a deal with a Quincy farmer involving careful destruction of the farmer's tobacco barn. The barn building materials he would earn from the deal would be used to construct the home he and his wife, Leslie, designed, built and shared for almost 50 years.

Their two children, Adam and Austin, were welcomed into and brought up in this remarkably unique home where they and their neighborhood friends delighted in playing as they grew up.

Kurt's interests included motorcycling on his R75/5 BMW, and the highlight of his travel was the cross country trip he made with his brother, Kevin, and close friend, Ike Mills. He also enjoyed playing softball, and later, baseball on various city leagues. In his later years, the baseball season would culminate in his participation in the Roy Hobbs Amateur World Series in Fort Myers, FL. He was popular and respected by all his ball mates and was selected MVP by his team in one of his last tournaments.

Kurt's official work life started early as a young paper boy for the Tallahassee Democrat. As he grew older he worked in the Democrat's circulation department, and eventually in the press room as a journeyman pressman for 10 years. He then changed professions, becoming a carpenter with newly formed Mad Dog Design and Construction. Lastly, Kurt joined his brother, Kevin, in the Reimer Brother's Construction Company where they became known for uncompromising high quality home renovations.

Other survivors include his brothers Kim, Kevin and Karl Reimer, and granddaughter, Sophia Reimer, (Austin's daughter). When he died, he was happily awaiting the impending birth of his first grandson, Magnus Kurt Reimer, (Austin Reimer and Mandy Powell's son), due to join the family on 12/24/24. The memories of Kurt's wonderful life and his indelible spirit will remain forever etched on our hearts. We will love and remember him all the days of our lives.

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



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Patty And Nick Pizzuto lit a candle in memory of Kurt Reimer*



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**Patty and Nick Pizzuto** - December 05, 2024 at 07:21 AM

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“ *Kurt has been an unforgettable part of my life for so many years that I can't remember when I first heard his exuberant voice, probably it was in the hallway leading to the cafeteria of the Tallahassee Democrat when we both worked there. Then later he and Kevin created a beautiful sunroom out of wasted space and rehabilitated so many other areas of our nearly 100-year old house. Their creative fingerprints, the care and originality are everywhere in my house and my memories. Kurt will not be forgotten, not his work or chocolate chip cookies or great open heart, and I'm heartbroken to learn of his leaving us and joining the stars above. They'll twinkle brighter now.*

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**Mary Ann Lindley** - December 01, 2024 at 08:50 AM