



Michael (Mischa) Steurer

March 28, 1966 - August 27, 2023

Michael (Mischa) Steurer, Ph.D., 57, of Crawfordville, Florida, passed away at home in Crawfordville with his loving wife, Maria, by his side on Sunday, August 27, 2023, after a brief illness. He was born in Vienna, Austria, on March 28, 1966, to his parents, Johann and Helga Steurer. He was a Senior Researcher and Head of the Power Systems Group at Florida State University Center for Advanced Power Systems.

Mischa and his wife left Austria and moved to Florida State University and Crawfordville to fulfill their dream of having a place to enjoy nature. He loved to play bluegrass music with friends and was a member of the “Coon Bottom Creek” band. He loved horseback riding in the forest, fishing with friends and family, and meeting new people. He was the president of the “Tallahassee Underwater Rugby Club.” Mischa and Maria shared a love for animals. As an established and widely recognized researcher, he was respected and loved by his colleagues and an extensive network of collaborators and sponsors. Mischa will be missed dearly. His talent was to discover innate strengths in people and nurture them.

Mischa was preceded in death by his parents, Johann and Helga Steurer, his uncle Helmut Steurer, and both his grandparents.

He is survived by his loving wife Maria Krasznyanszky Steuer of Crawfordville,

Florida, born in Marchegg, Austria, sister Sonja Wenisch, nephew Hannes Wenisch, niece Hanna Wenisch, aunt Elisabeth Muchmayer (Bruno), cousin Elisabeth” Sissi “Schmidt (Andreas), (Bettina, Thomas), beloved mother in law Maria Krasznyanszky, four more cousins and many friends.

A memorial Service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Bevis Funeral Home at 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, Florida. Click the link to join us in celebrating Mischa.: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93882209663>

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to a charity of your choice in Mischa’s name.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Suman R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

Suman R. - February 10, 2024 at 02:02 AM

GD

“ *Giovanni D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

Giovanni D. - September 13, 2023 at 08:21 AM

LD

“ *My condolences to Mischa's family. I worked with him for some time, and I always found him to be a great colleague. However, I also counted him as a friend.*

Linda DeBrunner - September 12, 2023 at 02:47 PM

AG

“ *Aniruddha G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

Aniruddha G. - September 11, 2023 at 11:04 AM

AG

“ Mischa was an amazing person, very friendly, considerate and extremely talented. Mischa has pioneered many advances in real-time power-hardware in the loop simulation. He lived life to the fullest with his engineering work, his sports achievements, and his prowess as a bluegrass musician.

I served with Mischa on several IEEE activities. One of my fond memories is when my wife and I drove with him through the backroads of Florida from Tampa to Tallahassee after the 2007 IEEE PES Meeting, and then stopped shortly at his ranch where we got to meet Maria.

Mischa will be sorely missed, and my wife Corinne and I send our heartfelt condolences to Maria,

Corinne and Ani Gole, Winnipeg, Canada

Ani Gole - September 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM

MM

“ Matthias M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Matthias M. - September 11, 2023 at 10:05 AM

TS

“ I cannot put into words how sad I am about the loss of Mischa! He was a brilliant researcher/engineer, but even more a wonderful person. I am honoured to have known him. My condolences go out to Mischa's family, friends and colleagues. We will miss him very much!

Ich kann nicht in Worte fassen, wie traurig ich über den Verlust von Mischa bin! Er war ein brillanter Forscher/Ingenieur, aber noch mehr ein wunderbarer Mensch. Ich fühle mich geehrt, ihn gekannt zu haben. Mein Beileid geht an Mischas Familie, Freunde und Kollegen. Wir werden ihn sehr vermissen!

Thomas

Thomas I. Strasser - September 11, 2023 at 06:01 AM

E2

“ We are deeply saddened by Mischa's passing and would like to express our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues. It was a pleasure to work with Mischa on our ERIGrid 2.0 project, where he supported us with his vast and comprehensive technical knowledge of real-time simulation and hardware-in-the-loop approaches in power systems as an advisory board member. Besides his excellent skills, he was a very polite, friendly, helpful, and open-minded person. We will miss him very much!

European H2020 ERIGrid 2.0 consortium

ERIGrid 2.0 - September 11, 2023 at 05:51 AM

HE

“ H2020 E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

H2020 E. - September 11, 2023 at 05:35 AM

TS

“ Thomas S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Thomas S. - September 11, 2023 at 05:09 AM

MN

“ Dear Maria, dear family,
first of all my deep condolences for the tremendous loss of Mischa. I met him first in 1998 in Zürich and from then on many times in several working groups. I do not find the right words to describe my feelings. A great person with an even greater heart for his family, friends and colleagues is gone. We will more than miss him.
Mathias



Mathias Noe - September 11, 2023 at 04:30 AM

MN

“ 1 file added to the album Wall Tributes II



Mathias Noe - September 11, 2023 at 04:21 AM

TS

“ Thomas S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Thomas S. - September 11, 2023 at 03:56 AM

“ Mit seiner generellen, durch und durch lebensbejahenden Art hat Mischa, gemeinsam mit Maria, viele Menschen in ihrem Haus willkommen geheissen auf ihrem Weg durch oder nach Tallahassee – so auch mich. In den ersten Wochen waren seine Ratschläge und Unterstützung sehr hilfreich und wichtig.

Mischa kannte ich seit 2004, drei Jahre bevor ich hier herkam. Wir trafen uns auf einer Konferenz, wo ich zum ersten Mal die Gelegenheit hatte, seine Begeisterung für seine Arbeit zu erleben. In unserem damaligen Gespräch war mir in nur wenigen Minuten klar, wie Mischa ist: ueberzeugend und mitreissend.

Über die Jahre hinweg war Mischa für mich und viele andere, Kollege oder Student, ein Mentor und Freund, der nicht nur immer hilfsbereit, der Ingenieur, war, sondern der gefordert und gefördert hat, Hindernisse – ob in Technik oder Bürokratie – aus dem Weg räumte. Wenn er eine Idee hatte, dann hat er es mit einer selbstverständlichen Begeisterung geschafft uns auf ein Abenteuer mitzunehmen, Grenzen auszuloten und neu zu definieren. Über die Jahre hinweg hat Mischa mit seiner Kompetenz und seinem Weitblick ein Zentrum und Umfeld gebildet, das sich weltweit einen Namen gemacht hat. Er wird vielen in langer, guter Erinnerung bleiben und er wird schmerzlich fehlen.

Mischas positives Wesen zeigte sich auch ausserhalb des Berufsalltags in allen Bereichen des Lebens. Er hatte ein Herz für Tiere, eine Lust auf Abenteuer zu Land und zu Wasser. Er bot uns viele gute Stunden bei Feiern mit Musik und Austern. All dies beruhte auf seiner liebevollen Partnerschaft mit Maria, in der er Stärke, Ruhe und Unterstützung finden konnte.

Mischa, Danke für alles, Danke für deine Freundschaft.

With his life-affirming nature Mischa, together with Maria, welcomed many on the path through or to Tallahassee to their home. They did the same for me, and in the first weeks advise and support were important and a great help.

I knew Mischa since 2004, three years before I arrived here. We met at a conference at which, for the first time, I had the opportunity to learn of his enthusiasm. In our conversation, it became clear in

just a few minutes who Mischa is: convincing and exciting. Over the years, Mischa was for me and many others, colleague or student, a mentor and friend, who was not just helpful as an engineer but someone who challenged and fostered progress and removed obstacles, technical or bureaucratic. Once he had an idea, he moved with a self-evident, natural excitement and took us on a journey to overcome boundaries and newly define limits. Over these years, Mischa built with his competence and vision a center and environment that is renown world-wide. He will stay in remembrance for a long time and be sorely missed.

Mischa's positive essence also showed outside the office in all matters of life. He loved animals, had a desire for adventure, land or sea. He gave us many unforgettable hours of music and oysters. All this was based on his partnership with Maria, in which he found strength, peace, and support.

Mischa, thank you for everything, thank you for your friendship.

Karl & Sandra

Karl Schoder - September 10, 2023 at 04:53 PM

YO

“ *Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Michael (Mischa) Steurer*



Yolanda - September 09, 2023 at 08:29 PM

CA

“ *Mischa was a supervisor, mentor, and friend like no other. He will be greatly missed.* ”



Carmen Araujo - September 09, 2023 at 02:40 PM

“ I was working as an engineer designing equipment for navy ships and working on a part time PhD when I first became aware of Mischa reading papers he had written. I put a face to the name for the first time in 2011 at an Electric Ship Technology Symposium conference. It was about six years later that Mischa became aware of me when I was in a navy meeting starting out as an assistant professor and presenting my work. Mischa had a strong disagreement with my conclusions. In a polite way he was very direct in challenging what I had presented because it came into conflict with conclusions he and his team at CAPS had arrived at.

It wasn't but a few months later when Mischa called me and said, 'Rob, let's work on this problem together.' This was the start of a collaboration and a friendship that has lasted for 9 years. It is very true, as others have said, that Mischa had a talent to "discover innate strengths in people and nurture them". He certainly did that for me. He was a constant in my journey into the academic and research side of this world. Even though I was older than him by 5 years and my entire career probably spanned more years than his, I began to look to him as a mentor and even a 'big brother'. When I came to work for a summer in Tallahassee Mischa and his wife Maria opened their home to me and invited me to play jam with his band on more than one occasion. I have had him in my own home in Milwaukee to play music. He is one of my few colleagues that my wife knows. She always had warm and tender feeling for him because she has seen how he has helped me along in my work life. Talking with a work colleague while I was supposed to be at home was never a popular thing in our home, but if I told her it was Mischa it would always be okay.

Mischa is an incredible person. He is someone I admire and would like to emulate. The loss of him as a voice, advocate and confidant in my work life has left an incredible void. However, I have faith in the eternal nature of our relationships even beyond this life. He is a person that has left a permanent mark on my life for good.

Rob Cuzner - September 09, 2023 at 11:32 AM

RC

I also want to add my sincere condolences to Maria. I wish you feelings of comfort and love at this time to sustain you now and forever.

Rob Cuzner - September 09, 2023 at 11:40 AM

RS

What a wonderful tribute Rob. Thank you. Roger McGinnis

Roger D McGinnis Sr - September 15, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Wall Tributes II



Bevis Funeral Home - September 09, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JO

“ *I would like to thank Mischa for the many professional opportunities he created and shared with me at CAPS. Even more I appreciate him sharing with me little things of everyday life with great enthusiasm. Just a few weeks ago he was close to convince me to go after the ESTS meeting in DC to an underwater rugby practice... [for Mischa, me not having gear, or much practice at all, was not an issue] ... I should have gone... Maria: I know you know this, but he was so proud of you. He shared with us videos of your vacations, music practices, your plans to grow the space for the horses and many more things. At CAPS we learned to count on him on so many levels and we will greatly miss him.*

- Juan

Juan Ordonez - September 09, 2023 at 08:33 AM

IP

“ *Ioannis P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

Ioannis P. - September 09, 2023 at 08:16 AM

“ Liebe Maria mit Familie,
die Nachricht vom plötzlichen und unerwarteten Tod von Mischa
hat uns tief getroffen und wir sprechen Dir, Ihnen unser tiefstes
Mitgefühl aus.

Meine damals junge Familie und ich hatten das große Glück Mischa
im Zuge eines Forschungsaufenthalts während meiner Doktorarbeit
kennenzulernen. Vom ersten Tag an hatte man das Gefühl mit
jemand besonderem zusammen zu arbeiten, sowohl menschlich als
auch fachlich. Seine Begeisterung für die Arbeit und für seine
Kollegen, spürte man in jeder Minute in seiner Gegenwart.

Der Tag oder die Arbeit konnte noch so anstrengend und belastend
sein, nach einem kurzen Gespräch mit Mischa mit einem Blick in
sein freundliches Gesicht, war man wieder inspiriert von Zuversicht
erfasst. Das, zusammen mit seiner warmen Art, seiner Geduld,
Freundlichkeit und seinem Fleiß und fachlicher Fähigkeit, hat ihn zu
einem besonderen Menschen gemacht.

Auch außerhalb der Arbeit wird uns Mischa immer in Erinnerung
bleiben. Meine Frau, mein Sohn und ich durften bei Ihm und Maria
Zuhause bei einer Musikprobe seiner Band und einem Liveauftritt in
Wakulla Springs dabei sein, was uns ewig in Erinnerung bleiben
wird. Auch heute spült es uns gelegentlich ein Song von Coon
Bottom Creek in die Playlist, was uns sogleich an die tolle Zeit mit
Mischa erinnert.

Sein Tod hinterlässt eine nicht zu füllende Lücke in meinem Herzen.
Ich werde Dich vermissen Mischa.

So blow your whistle freight train
Carry me further on down the track
I'm going away I'm leaving today
I'm going but I ain't coming back

Christian Schacherer mit Familie

Christian Schacherer - September 09, 2023 at 06:03 AM



“*Mischa was a friend and a colleague for almost 19 years including 10 years we worked closely together at FSU CAPS. He was a remarkable individual, one-of-a-kind - motivated and driven, making major lasting contributions in electric power systems, and particularly the development and advancement of hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) simulation based testing and de-risking methods. He had a vision for the future of CAPS and the field in general (we shared many great conversations on that) and, in fact, was bringing it to life. Mischa always sought to understand and convey the big picture, the motivation, and yet was always just as adept at diving deep into the technical details on the subject at hand. He could be counted upon to be direct and sincere and was quick with a smile.*

And, he had many interests outside of work that he seemed to embrace with just as much joy and enthusiasm, including making music with Coon Bottom Creek and playing underwater rugby (which I never new was a thing until Mischa decided to recruit people to play it in Tallahassee).

I offer my sincere condolences to Maria, his wife, and his family, friends and colleagues near and far - there are many.

Mischa, you will be missed, but, I believe your spirit will live on for a long time in the hearts and minds of so very many who came to know you.



Rick Meeker - September 09, 2023 at 12:44 AM

RS

Thank you Rick. Very nice memories. Roger

Roger D McGinnis Sr - September 15, 2023 at 02:18 PM

KS

“ *Kourosh S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

Kourosh S. - September 09, 2023 at 12:39 AM

CS

“ *Familie Steurer: Als ich meinen jahrelangen Weg zu meiner Doktorarbeit begann, suchte ich nach einem Forschungsbereich, dass mich wirklich inspirierte. Meine Uni hat ein "Sim-Stim" Thema gehabt, dass sowas war, aber es gab nur ein Paar andere Forscher, naemlich an der FSU CAPS. Dort gab einen groessartigen Mann namens Doktor Mischa Steurer. Nach meiner Doktorarbeit, hatte ich die Ehre mit ihm zu arbeiten. Ich hatte ein bisschen Angst vor unsere erste Treffung und hatte ihn Doktor Steurer genennen. Er antwortet nur "Ich bin einfach Mischa. Es gefaellt mir dir mitzuarbeiten." Mischa hatte ein Weg alle in seinem Umgebung speziell zu fuehlen. Er war geduldig, nett, fleissig und hatte unendliches Ziel mit anderem Leute zu arbeiten. Aber uber alles war er ein wunderbar einzigartiger Mensch und hat er fuer Maria so einer grosse Lieb. Er war ein sehr guter Freund und ich werde ihn immer vermissen. Am 27. August is ein sehr helles Licht erloschen, aber Mischa hat uns allen ein wenig von diesem Licht hinterlassen. Mit diesem Licht koennen wir uns alle an Mischa erinnern und die Welt besser machen. Bis zum naechsten Mal, mein Freund. - Christian*

Christian Schegan - September 08, 2023 at 11:59 PM

QY

“ Qichen Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Qichen Y. - September 08, 2023 at 11:21 PM

RM

“ Richard M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Richard M. - September 08, 2023 at 10:32 PM

JS

“*There once lived the Music Man from Vienna, a minstrel blessed with a wife named Maria.*

*Down in Florida he did abide, atop mountain horses did he ride.
Somehow luring fish on-the-hide, long with his adoring Austrian
bride.*

*A brilliant NAVSEA mathematician, no paper-tiger or mathema-
chicken. Herding FSU budgets and graduate students, more like a
CAPS and Calculus magician.*

*Strumming Bluegrass with his coon bottom band, strumming Maria's
heart, while holding her hand. Dividing his life and his love by zero,
he's adored by all and Maria as hero.*

*Once more mastering the great divide, breaking earth's surly
bounds, God's speed dear friend Mischa, God bless your great bye
and bye...□”*

*James Gregory Steinrock, Chief Engineer Dynamic Modeling &
Control Systems, Rolls-Royce Naval Marine*

James Steinrock - September 08, 2023 at 08:48 PM

RS

*Thank you James for such a beautiful sentiment and poem. "Dividing
his life and his love by zero..." is something the rest of us can only
hope to achieve.
Roger McGinnis*

Roger D McGinnis Sr - September 09, 2023 at 02:03 PM

CE

“ Carmen E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Carmen E. - September 08, 2023 at 06:08 PM

SF

“ I have known Mischa for the last 7 years and I always looked forward to his visits to our office where we would chat about vacations and his trips to Austria also his love for music . A beautiful person who made you feel happy to be in his company . Maria you are in my thoughts and prayers for strength at this difficult time .
Suzanne Fitzpatrick

Suzanne Fitzpatrick - September 08, 2023 at 02:39 PM

QO

“ Quinny O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Quinny O. - September 08, 2023 at 02:22 PM

HL

“ Hui L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Hui L. - September 08, 2023 at 02:00 PM

PK

“ I remember eagerly reading the scientific work of Mischa when I started my PhD and then I had the chance to meet this giant in person and collaborate in P2004 WG. He was the PHIL pioneer and the teacher of most of us in the PHIL community. A musician as well. He will be greatly missed.

Panos

Panos Kotsampopoulos - September 08, 2023 at 12:33 PM

PK

“ Panagiotis K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Panagiotis K. - September 08, 2023 at 12:24 PM

KS

“ We send our deepest condolences to the loss of Mischa, who was a great mentor and leader over the many years he headed our group. He was instrumental in creating a unique workplace and the success of CAPS. We will miss his professional and personal guidance he was always willing to provide.

Andrea, Carmen, Dionne, Harsha, Isabel, James, Jodie, John, Karl, Mark, Matt, Michael, Sihun, Power Systems Group, Center for Advanced Power Systems

Karl Schoder - September 08, 2023 at 10:53 AM

KS

“ Karl S. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Karl S. - September 08, 2023 at 10:45 AM

SM

“ From the first meeting where I met Mischa at FSU-CAPS many years ago, he made a long lasting impression with his vibrant and energetic personality. When I think of RTS, I think of Mischa. I was saddened to learn about his recent health issue and passing. I only spent small amounts of time with him and it upsets me knowing we won't be able to have further involved conversations. I can only imagine the impact those who were truly close with him. Our hearts and prayers go out to his loved ones and colleagues. Very sorry for your loss.

Steve Mankevich - GE

Steve M - September 08, 2023 at 09:47 AM

GL

“ Mischa, I am very grateful for having met you, from first working experiences to becoming a friend. You have always been a team player, fearless and positive regardless all challenges, an excellent guide and moreover you have been a great individual personality. Your brain and your heart, your friendship will be very much missed in the community, among AIT colleagues and within our P2004 WG. Thank you for everything you did, your passion and spirit will remain in our hearts.

Deine Frohnatur wird sehr vermisst werden, Deine Liebe zur Musik spiegelte diese in sympathischster Weise wieder. Ich freue mich schon sehr auf weitere Jam Sessions mit Maria und mit Euch allen. Dein Geist bleibt in uns allen, ist unvergessen, großartiger Mischa!

In tiefer Dankbarkeit, Georg

Georg Lauss - September 08, 2023 at 06:25 AM

WH

“ Wolfgang H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Wolfgang H. - September 08, 2023 at 05:31 AM

GL

“ Georg L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Georg L. - September 08, 2023 at 04:49 AM

MD

“ I am DEEPLY saddened by knowing Mischa passed away. It brings back memories of the first time I met Mischa during one of the RTDS user conferences. I recall the vibrant energy and enthusiasm he exuded when introducing me to the IEEE WG P2004. Learning of his passing is heartbreaking—my heart goes out to his family and loved ones during this difficult time. I will keep them in my thoughts and prayers—praying that Mischa's soul finds peace in heaven.

Masoud Davari - September 07, 2023 at 04:50 PM

HR

“ Harsha R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Harsha R. - September 07, 2023 at 02:27 PM

MS

“ I worked with Mischa at CAPS for 20 years until my retirement last year. He had so many qualities that are rarely seen combined in a single person, let alone combined in a stellar research scientist. He was my colleague and friend, and I grieve with all of you on our loss.

CAPS received significant funding from the Office of Naval Research in 2002, just before I joined the team. We had a good plan, but we had to prove we could execute the plan successfully. It had to be a team effort because there was so much work to do, and for that you need team players.

Mischa was the ideal team player. He pushed everyone and every process for improvement, including himself. The few times that Mischa wasn't right he quickly admitted a mistake, but then he would immediately think of several different ways to overcome the problem.

I think of all the spheres of influence and all the people whose lives were touched. Even while grieving, I remember and smile.



Mike & Pru Sloderbeck - September 07, 2023 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ Jerolene B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Jerolene B. - September 07, 2023 at 01:33 PM

JB

“ From the moment I met Mischa 4 years ago at my job interview to manage the admin. side of his contracts & grants, his warm & caring personality was apparent. He had a wonderful ability to bring out the best in people. So many times it was his encouragement & the smiley faces in his emails that made the day a little brighter. Working in the university setting may seem intimidating at times to be around so many accomplished, highly respected people doing great work in their fields, but Mischa was so down to earth, kind & humble. Everything you would hope for in a leader. He always showed such confidence in me that my time working with him has truly made me a better person. It is something I will take with me in every interaction I have. He is gone far too soon & his memory & the impact he had on people will never be forgotten. I hope he is proud of us all as he watches down on us. CAPS will not be the same without him! I wish all the best to Maria & his family & friends with everything in the future!

Jerolene Beechy - September 07, 2023 at 01:30 PM

AB

“ Ali B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Ali B. - September 07, 2023 at 11:54 AM

MB

“ I met Mischa for the first time a little less than a year ago. Business made us cross paths. Mischa was obviously a highly intelligent person, with the rare ability of condensing complex concepts in a few words, and a clear vision of the path ahead of us. It took me a very short time to understand that there was no challenge we could not tackle together. During the time I spent with Mischa I had the opportunity to witness his formidable intellectual capabilities, his kindness toward others, his joyful personality, his love for nature, animals and music, his fondness for Maria, his empathy and support for his team, his passion for water rugby, and his wonderful (really wonderful) Austrian accent. Mischa’s unique combination of talents and interests made him truly a remarkable person, one in a million individuals that leave an indelible impression in your life. Mischa continues to surprise me even now: the many touching messages here are a testimony of his life. We all wish to leave behind such a legacy.

My heart goes out to Maria and Mischa’s family. I wish you all much strength in the days ahead.

Marco Brunelli - September 07, 2023 at 11:14 AM

MS

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mischa, with whom we had the pleasure of working closely at Siemens Energy. Mischa was a highly capable and talented individual with exceptional intellect, and his contributions were invaluable. Mischa's joyful personality and warm demeanor made him a pleasure to work with. Mischa was a remarkable person who will be greatly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. We are grateful for the time we spent with him and will always remember him fondly. His sudden passing has left us shocked and deeply saddened, and our thoughts and condolences are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Marco Brunelli on behalf of the Siemens - September 07, 2023 at 11:11 AM

RF

“ Robin F. lit a candle in memory of Michael (Mischa) Steurer



Robin F. - September 07, 2023 at 10:54 AM

LZ

“ Lin Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Lin Z. - September 07, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*



September 07, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 07, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Bubba, Linda, Josh, and Chris Moore purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*



Bubba, Linda, Josh, and Chris Moore - September 07, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *It has been an honor to know you my friend! I have enjoyed all the bluegrass times we have spent together through the years since Bubba introduced us. Your kind, sweet, loving spirit will be missed.*
-Linda

Linda Moore - September 07, 2023 at 08:39 AM

KD

“ I met Mischa in Denver Colorado at the Nationals Underwater Rugby Tournament 2 years ago, sweetest gentleman. I will miss playing with him as he was a true sportsman and loved to have fun and grow as a player. Thoughts and prayers go to his friends, family, and teammates <3. - Katie, Boston Narwhals.



Katie Donovan - September 06, 2023 at 06:15 PM

TF

“ The McGinnis Family purchased the Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.



The McGinnis Family - September 06, 2023 at 05:57 PM

TF

“ The McGinnis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

The McGinnis Family - September 06, 2023 at 05:57 PM

HE

“ Mitzi, viel Kraft für die nächste Zeit. Ich habe dich als starke Frau in Erinnerung. Alles Gute!

Hermann - September 06, 2023 at 05:12 PM

SR

“ Shannon Richardson lit a candle in memory of Michael (Mischa) Steurer



Shannon Richardson - September 06, 2023 at 04:12 PM

KP

“ Kerry P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Kerry P. - September 06, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.



September 06, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 06, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 06, 2023 at 01:20 PM

FM

“ I first met Mischa in 2001, when he joined FSU. And then the adventure started!

I purposely wrote FSU because at that time CAPS was only a dream, a blue print. At the beginning we had lunches with Mischa at the big old oak tree, behind the MagnetLab, followed by walks around Paul Dirac Drive in Innovation Park.

He was already planning, dreaming and learning the system. Even at that time besides work, he was talking about forming the underwater rugby club which materialized much later.

In 2003 finally the CAPS building was finished and proved to be already to small at inauguration, for Mischa's imaginations.

Mischa had an extreme affinity for hands on approach, not only for engineering, but for music, farming, gardening. We enjoyed many great music and BBQ parties at Mischa's and Maria's house.

Projects after projects, we had celebrations, because every project was a breakthrough, a success. When we did see no solution, Mischa had a solution: "How about we try this? It must work!" Over the years CAPS evolved to be what is today, where every inch is touched by the vision of Mischa.

And we worked together until my retirement in 2020. Mischa and Maria were at my retirement party, together with other colleagues. All masked up, then all sitting at the appropriate social distancing rule at that time.

Mischa you will be missed!

Maria and family, our deepest and sincere condolences.

Ferenc and Mariana



Ferenc and Mariana - September 06, 2023 at 12:32 PM

KH

“ *Kassidy Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Michael (Mischa) Steurer*



Kassidy Hopkins - September 06, 2023 at 10:14 AM

LA

“ *Mischa was a great guy that we are so glad to have had as a neighbor. He had such a zest for life and an infectious smile. We enjoyed visiting with Mischa and Maria on numerous occasions. The sharing of indepth conversations and wonderful music will be dearly missed. Our prayers are with Maria, family and friends.*

Lambert and Alane - September 06, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

September 06, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

September 05, 2023 at 10:28 PM

CM

“ Mischa taught me a great deal and I consider myself lucky to have known him. He was passionate about his work and encouraged those around him. I think Mischa saw things differently than others; he noticed details, especially about people he encountered that others may overlook. Mischa helped me realize how my job aligned with the research he was doing. He helped me to see things from another perspective and reminded me there was a bigger purpose than "counting beans". I will always admire him as a researcher and as a friend. I will miss our talks about boating, underwater rugby, and music. He helped me find a violin for my daughter and that meant so much to me. Whenever he visited my office to discuss a work topic, he never forgot to ask about my daughter's progress with her lessons and invited her to his band's jam sessions. I wish we would have taken the opportunity to join. I will miss Mischa's positivity and his ideas. Mischa leaves behind a legacy that will live on at CAPS and in the lives of all those he met. Words cannot say enough. My heart goes out to Maria and their family.

Carla McClendon - September 05, 2023 at 04:56 PM

MM

“ Michael M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Michael M. - September 05, 2023 at 03:56 PM

HH

“ Heath H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Heath H. - September 05, 2023 at 01:05 PM

MJ

“ Michael J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Michael J. - September 05, 2023 at 11:06 AM

MA

“ Mike A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Mike A. - September 05, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 05, 2023 at 10:19 AM

JC

“ Mischa was so amazingly full of life and intelligence and passion; about his work, but also about underwater rugby and bluegrass music and animals and...

So many great memories: a low-country boil for ESRDC at his house, occasionally heated discussions about power system design, Coon Bottom Creek concerts (with no Austrian accent while singing), enthusiastic tours of the CAPS facility, an underwater rugby game pretty much anywhere an ESRDC meeting was held, sharing pictures of the dogs, ESTS co-chairmanship and guidance, his story of an impromptu concert to the customs inspectors in an airport.

We will all miss him greatly.

Julie Chalfant - September 05, 2023 at 10:18 AM

AR

“ To be Mischa's colleague was to be his friend and I feel blessed to be among the many he touched. My heart goes out especially to Maria, to his co-workers and to all his other colleagues who are sharing in his loss.

Andrew Rockhill - September 05, 2023 at 10:15 AM

AR

“ Andrew R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Andrew R. - September 05, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.



September 05, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 05, 2023 at 09:15 AM

KS

“ Karl S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Karl S. - September 04, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*



September 04, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 04, 2023 at 04:02 PM

SM

“In early 2011, shortly after joining the US Navy Electric Ships Office, I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Mischa Steurer. On both a personal and professional level, this was one of the most impactful and positive meetings I have ever experienced. Dr. Steurer immediately became “Mischa”, a friend and collaborator. In Mischa, I was blessed to connect with a unique scientist; one with an engineer’s ability to convert theory into practice in order to create tangible, meaningful, concrete advances in technology, all while making it look easy.

Since that first meeting, Mischa and I became lifelong friends. Business phone conversations became a little more prolonged as we chatted about our shared interests of travel, Scuba diving, and adventure. In-person meetings evolved into opportunities to socialize after the work was done. Mischa’s zest for life was contagious. His gregariousness meant that I was soon invited to enjoy Cuban fare together, listen in on living room Bluegrass jam sessions and Coon Bottom Creek gigs at Tallahassee watering holes, and simply spend time visiting with he and Maria. Our friendship had developed into one so comfortable that Patricia and I even “camped” in their backyard in our RV for a night while we explored Florida. Even after retiring from the Navy, it seemed that anytime one or the other of us was anywhere nearby, we dropped everything to prioritize a quick lunch or casual dinner, with invitations to stay in one another’s homes immediately offered. Mischa (and Maria) had a knack for friendship, giving generously and unreservedly of himself. While his intellect made him unique, and to my mind, peerless, it was his kind and genuine caring nature that made Mischa special. Patricia joins me in wishing Maria peace as we all collectively grieve for our friend, Mischa.

Professionally, it should be noted that Mischa was a true visionary who translated ideas into action. In 2011, I had been encouraged to visit FSU CAPS to evaluate the capability they’d developed in partnership with ONR. At the time, the Navy had a real problem: how to meet the ship construction schedule while simultaneously developing and de-risking a new high-power solid-state radar and new ships power system for the third flight of the Arleigh Burke

Destroyer. The unfortunate reality was, there simply wasn't enough time in the schedule, or money set aside, to build and test the power system with the radar before lead ship installation. As a result, we had to rethink the problem and come up with a workable solution. True to form, Mischa showed me the art of the possible. Incredibly, with the help of his team, he just went ahead and did it. The revolutionary concept, pioneered and perfected under Mischa's guidance, was a game changer for the Navy. Mischa and his team built a virtual radar and ship power system, then tested the critical component in that simulated ship. We were thus able to test the concept first as a computer model, before building the prototype. Prototype and production units were then tested within this lab environment. This ensured the power converter was fit for service prior to ship installation, reducing risk, and saving both time and money. While not quite the Holographic Deck from Star Trek, Controller and Power Hardware in the Loop testing at FSU CAPS became part of the standard Navy process for developing and proving out new systems for Navy ships. We were able to demonstrate equipment as suitable for ship service far more rapidly than when following conventional practices. Mischa showed us the way. We followed. Thankfully, Mischa's vision will continue to evolve as the Navy moves forward into the digital shipbuilding age. Although my crystal ball is "still broken", preventing me from easily predicting where this will all end, I can say with sad assurance that our goals will likely take longer, and contain many more false starts, without Mischa's cheerful advice and optimistic encouragement keeping us on track."



Stephen Markle - September 04, 2023 at 12:19 PM

MS

Well spoken, Steve! I'm glad you got to catch up at ESTS. - Mike

Mike Sloderbeck - September 04, 2023 at 06:02 PM

ON

“ *When we met in Raleigh recently, we had talked about me visiting his farm and I was so looking forward to it. He was full of joy. He had an aura of enthusiasm about everything, and I felt energized whenever I met him. I have known Mischa since he joined CAPS, and I am going to miss him. Rest in peace, my friend. Namaste!*

Om Nayak - September 04, 2023 at 11:11 AM

TV

“ *Mischa has been a great mentor, partner, and friend. His support and guidance propelled my early academic journey forward. Collaborating with him was a delightful experience, even amidst the demanding but fruitful standards we faced. He possesses unique qualities that are seldom found in anyone else, ensuring that our work consistently achieves its objectives. Beyond our work, he is a caring friend, always there to share both the joys and trials of life.*

Tuyen Vu - September 04, 2023 at 11:03 AM

ON

“ *Om N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

Om N. - September 04, 2023 at 10:58 AM

SS

“ Misha was an awesome human being. He always made sure everyone was included, and had the ability to knit a community together. He was great to work with, and will be sorely missed.

Scott Sudhoff - September 04, 2023 at 10:50 AM

MT

“ Michael T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Michael T. - September 04, 2023 at 08:57 AM

MT

“ Mischa was the perfect teacher and researcher who was passionate about his work, and appreciated the need to protect new discoveries (intellectual property). He took the time to explain complex electrical systems and advancements in a manner that allowed the average person to understand what took years to develop. Mischa was the consummate professional, a gentleman, and a friend...he will be truly missed.

MICHAEL TENTNOWSKI - September 04, 2023 at 08:51 AM

PG

“ When my daughter's birthday plans to ride horses fell through last fall, Mischa came to the rescue and welcomed us to his home. It is a wonderful memory. He was such a kind and hospitable man.



Patrick Gines - September 03, 2023 at 05:50 PM

SY

“ *Never expected such a farewell would come. I still remember telling him, in his CAPS 2nd-floor corner office just a little less than a year ago, how I considered him one of the smartest yet most effective researchers I've ever worked with. Your boldness and kindness will be greatly missed by many... Thank you, Mishca. Rest in peace.*



Sam Yang - September 03, 2023 at 04:53 PM

SY

“ *Sam Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*

Sam Y. - September 03, 2023 at 04:49 PM

“*Mischa left a profound and indelible mark on my life. He was peerless in his approach to life, finding joy in its resplendence and sharing it among those fortunate enough to be in his presence. Mischa served as many things to me -- a friend, a trusted voice, and a perspective of reason, but more pronounced than all, he was the utmost role model. I spent the formative years of my adulthood wading in waters made clearer by Mischa's guidance as he provided me with values and ideals I will carry forth through the remainder of my life.*

Despite being endlessly accomplished as a professional and individual, Mischa's lasting legacy is one of exuding warmth and compassion. With unwavering kindness, Mischa welcomed all through his doorway (moments before engaging in his underwater rugby recruiting pitch). Together with his wife Maria, the Steurers fostered several communities of passion and authentic devotion towards one another. Many of the people in my life are owed to the social webs curated by Mischa, based upon his passions. Those who allowed Mischa into their lives bore witness to a man whose voice carried so much depth. Mischa held a sharp, searing moral clarity in which he lived and viewed those around him.

Regardless of personal passions or long-term goals in life, Mischa feverously lent support in a uniquely keen way that held an aura of tenderness. I feel fortunate to have known him in his wholeness, participate in endless activities alongside him, and find myself on the receiving end of his neverending generosity. The memories we formed together are ones I hold close to my soul. Mischa resolutely saw the good in each person he encountered. To live a life with such bliss and felicity is an outlook each person can find solace in, on either side of his earthly presence.

Mischa once told me that he believed in the concept of reincarnation. I choose to believe that his demeanor will continue to live on in elements around me that reflect his personality and enthusiasm for life. His passing comes as a shock to me and all

who knew him. His smile and frequent expressions of jubilation will be sorely missed by all.

Caden DeLisa - September 03, 2023 at 12:51 PM

LM

“ *When I think of Mischa, I think of energy. Not just the energy of power systems, but the energy he brought to everything he did in his life - conversations big and small, research, music, underwater rugby, friendships - simply everything! His energy shone from him daily and his enthusiasm and passion for all aspects of his life were evident and knew no bounds. I am incredibly grateful I had the opportunity to work with Mischa for nearly a decade. He was wonderfully generous, richly talented, and genuinely cared about the success of others. This is a rare combination.*

Mischa was a giant presence in so many lives and was a friend and mentor to many. He will be greatly missed by all. I hope that fond memories will eventually bring comfort and peace to his family and friends.

Laney McLean - September 03, 2023 at 10:54 AM

AM

“ *Mischa was a champion for faculty at fsu and caps, and I will miss working with him on the faculty senate. Much love to his family. Amy mckenna*

Amy McKenna - September 03, 2023 at 07:39 AM

NT

“ Though I didn't see Mischa with great regularity, each time I did was memorable. I remember him especially by the way he greeted me, by genuinely smiling, giving me a hug and always telling me I would make a great engineer someday. Mischa seemed to me to be a person of true warmth and I will remember this special quality about him in particular. I am glad to have known him in my life.

Niamh Trotter - September 02, 2023 at 10:42 PM

Y.

“ Yanjun . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Yanjun . - September 02, 2023 at 07:41 PM

Y.

“ Yanjun . purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.



Yanjun . - September 02, 2023 at 07:41 PM

JB

“ Jodie Bell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Jodie Bell - September 02, 2023 at 02:23 PM

IL

“ It's impossible to adequately capture the myriad ways that Mischa has been a blessing to those who have known him: my family, the CAPS community, visiting students, the UWR club, neighbors... Mischa will be remembered as a thought leader and force within the power community, for consistently putting his team members and students in position to succeed, and for his unwaveringly collaborative and sharing lifestyle. Maria, you and Mischa make such a great team; we love you and grieve with you.

Isaac Leonard - September 02, 2023 at 01:23 PM

JO

“ Juan O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Juan O. - September 02, 2023 at 12:02 PM

PP

“ Mischa had been a great friend, colleague, and more. We cherished CAPS, FSU, and the College of Engineering and had numerous discussions on the best way to move CAPS forward. Reflecting on our friendship, travels, family gatherings, and multiple long conversations, I recollect many great memories of Mischa that will stay with me forever. Sita and I wish we had spent more time with Maria and Mischa. To capture my thoughts in a few words, we miss physical Mischa, but his spirit and memories will be part of our lives forever.

Prof. Pamidi - September 02, 2023 at 11:34 AM

SD

“ I'm truly saddened to hear of Misha's passing. Although my interactions with him were limited, it was evident that he was a passionate researcher and deeply committed to his students. His enthusiasm and dedication to the CAPS community will be sorely missed. It's a profound loss for our college of engineering family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones during this difficult time.

Suvranu De - September 02, 2023 at 10:53 AM

IC

“ Igor C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Igor C. - September 02, 2023 at 10:12 AM

JM

“ You will be missed, Mischa, always full of energy and activities! I wish I had more chance to work with you.

Jin Moon - September 02, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 02, 2023 at 09:48 AM

EA

“ On behalf of Cardinal Engineering, please accept our deepest sympathies.

Edward Ammeen - September 01, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.*



September 01, 2023 at 11:00 PM



“ *Mischa taught me a lot of things. He taught me how to play underwater rugby, how to drive a tractor (with great patience and courage- I nearly drove over his leg once), how to renovate a house, and I could go on and on. But the best lessons that I learned from Mischa were on how to practice gratitude for everything in my life, and how to meet each day with kindness, work ethic, generosity towards others, and perseverance. Mischa made the world around him a better place, and he was so driven to help others, lead his community, and care for each person he met. He was passionate about his life, and from his excellence as an engineer to his creativity as a bluegrass band player, he made sure that he never wasted a moment, or as he often told me: he would not give in to his “innerer schweinehund.”*

I will deeply miss Mischa, and this is a devastating loss for me and everyone he crossed paths with. He changed my life in many ways, and shaped who I am today. He always made my day when I saw him in the office or at practice, and I have so many great memories of him. There is no one quite like Mischa- he was such an incredible person and a joy to have in one’s life. Mischa knew how to connect with others and bring out their strengths in a special way. He was there for me time and time again, and I will always consider him and Maria to be family. Knowing Mischa was a gift that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Thank you for everything Mischa and Maria.

Aoife Trotter - September 01, 2023 at 09:48 PM

MS

Well said!

Mike Sloderbeck - September 02, 2023 at 11:45 AM

RS

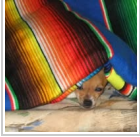
*Yes. Very well said Aoife. Thank you for such kind comments. And now we all know who to call when we need someone to drive a tractor. :-)
Roger McGinnis*

Roger D McGinnis Sr - September 15, 2023 at 04:05 PM

JZ

“ I worked with Mischa from 2019 to 2023, and I was constantly amazed by his knowledge whenever I talked to him. His personality, expertise, and professionalism made him one of my role models, and my PhD progress would be much slower without him. It is clear that we have lost a giant in the field of electric power engineering. Thank you, Mischa, for everything that you have helped and taught me. I will miss you dearly.

Justin Zhang - September 01, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ In my 20+ years of employment, 10 of which were working for Mischa, he was the best boss I have ever had up to date. He wasn't by any means perfect, but he tried to be the best he could be. He was not just my boss, but he was also a friend and a mentor and will be dearly missed by me and by many. He had a passion for life, fishing, under water rugby, food, and especially for the work he did at CAPS and leading us in becoming the renown research center we are today. Not only have we lost a great person but also one of the most brilliant and enthusiastic people in the field of electrical engineering. It is going to get some getting used to not seeing him around at work, but we will do our best to honor his memory. You had a great impact in my life, my friend. This still doesn't feel real. Thank you for always believing in me and for giving me the opportunity to work and learn from you. You won't be forgotten. Until we meet again. So long my friend.

Dionne Soto - September 01, 2023 at 09:05 PM

RS

Great Comments Dione. And you are right, he did lead CAPS into becoming a renown research center. Roger McGinnis

Roger D McGinnis Sr - September 15, 2023 at 04:07 PM

DS

“ Dionne S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Dionne S. - September 01, 2023 at 08:48 PM

YU

“ *The first time I met Mischa was for my interview at CAPS. He sat beside me, offered a warm welcome, and shared me a photograph on his phone of the uncommon Tallahassee snowfall, while discussing the school's closure due to the 'chilly' winter. Our second encounter occurred when he invited Fang and me to his home the subsequent summer, introducing us to Maria and giving us a tour of their amazing palace in woods. During the following years, I recall numerous meetings with him. And the last one, which I could never have imagined, was on his student committee meeting before this summer break. Mischa was filled with enthusiasm, generous, open-minded, who never hesitated to share his thoughts with me, whether it was about work, his band, his underwater rugby club, or any other topics. His memory will forever be cherished.*

Yuan - September 01, 2023 at 08:27 PM

HL

“ *I always joked that Mischa, Sastry, and I were the only three dinosaurs at CAPS now. I can't imagine that we've lost Mischa. When I first joined CAPS 20 years ago, Mischa invited me to his beautiful house and introduced me to the horses, sheep, dog, chicken, ... it felt like a mini-zoo. Mischa was an incredibly generous person. He also introduced me to his English teacher, Marsha, in the early days, and later, Martha helped my post-doc and my PhD students until she retired. When I told Mischa about our passion for growing fruit trees in our backyard, Mischa generously offered us a tremendous amount of manure, which undoubtedly contributed to our fruit trees bearing the most delicious fruits. There are so many sweet moments that continue to bring smiles and warmth to our lives and remind us of the remarkable person he was. In our hearts, Mischa is forever part of CAPS and a friend who will stay with us.*

Hui Li - September 01, 2023 at 04:27 PM



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September 01, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ Chul K. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Chul K. - September 01, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ Hi Mischa, this is G.C. Not nice from your side to leave us so much in pain. we were used at laughing, eating, drinking, but also working hard, with you and to enjoy any second spent together. I would say that Maria was a fundamental asset to make your company unforgettable, and you were very proud of it. Work will go on, but life will not be the same without you.

Gian Carlo Montanari - September 01, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ Gian C. planted a grove of 5 </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Trees in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Gian C. - September 01, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ Stefano B. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Stefano B. - September 01, 2023 at 03:51 PM

VS

“ Mischa was one of the first people at CAPS to welcome me to the team. In the few years that I had the privilege of working with him, he never failed to show his passion for life and for his work. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met and his heart and spirit were full of care and compassion for others. Any time there was an opportunity to say hello, or ask me how I was doing, he did. Whenever I heard his voice or laugh nearby, I knew that he would stop by to see how I was doing. He was always giving to those around him in many ways, believed in others and their talents, and always took the opportunity to help those in need. He always encouraged those he worked with to reach their full potential. My last memory of him is when he came to see me and gifted me loose tea that came in these beautiful painted containers. He had remembered that I loved tea despite me only mentioning it to him once several months prior. I have those tea containers with me still to remind me of his giving spirit. I will never forget Mischa and the impact he made on my life and those around me. The loss of his presence in our lives is devastating, and I know that he will always live on in our memories of him.



Victoria Cea Salazar - September 01, 2023 at 03:46 PM

RS

Beautiful comments Victoria. Thank you for leaving them on this wall.
Roger McGinnis

Roger D McGinnis Sr - September 15, 2023 at 04:07 PM

TA

“ Tanvir A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Tanvir A. - September 01, 2023 at 03:34 PM

OF

“ When I was pursuing my Ph.D. degree in a cold corner of Canada, I met Mischa and eventually, I landed at CAPS, FSU, just because of his visionary plans to make CAPS one of the greatest research centers in the world. Crossing all transborder hassles, he managed to fund me while I was in Canada waiting for my visa to get approved. When I came here, he welcomed me with a warm heart and helped me learn in many ways, introduced me to many renowned scientists. One Christmas Eve, he came to my office and discussed his future plans with CAPS for almost two hours which made me convinced not to look for a job anywhere else. His continuous encouragement always helped me grow in my profession. His departure was so sudden that I feel like I have not been able to express my gratitude for all of his contributions to shaping my career.



Mischa, we will miss you, we will miss your wise words when needed advice. You are now far from us but you will always be near to our hearts and our prayers will always be with you.

Omar Faruque - September 01, 2023 at 03:32 PM

RS

“ I am deeply grateful to Mischa for giving me several opportunities at CAPS that helped me reach where I am today. His richness as a human being for me is fondly reflected in the sheer variety of conversations I had with him: from story of being mugged in a Glasgow bus (far back in 2007), to which jazz bar should I go in New Orleans, to bluegrass music, to pressure cooking chicken at his home, to getting involved in the Halloween night at the museum with makeup, to how come he is ESTJ and I am ISTJ, and many others all fresh in my memory. An inspiring yet simple person (obviously a master at his engineering work which everyone knows well), this is an unbelievable loss hard to digest. Wishing Maria, his family and friends peace and closure. -Raja Soman

Raja Soman - September 01, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.



September 01, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 01, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ I miss watching Dr. Steurer hustle with his water bottle between the MVDC and HVDC labs, up and down from the first to the third floor. Grateful for the chance to work with him; he was the link that connected me with amazing people like Matt, Sihun, Isabel, Mark, Karl, and many more in his group. A mentor, a friend, and a community builder. He's left an indelible mark on us all. Rest in peace, Dr. Steurer.

Mike Yuchen - September 01, 2023 at 02:49 PM

CE

“ I worked with Mischa for 13 years at FSU. In the early part of my career, Mischa really helped me along and involved me in a lot that was going on at CAPS. He was a brilliant engineer and always had a vision for the projects he was working on and for the future of CAPS. He was a tireless worker, and his work ethic set the standard for those who worked with him. He and I worked on many grants together, wrote numerous papers together, and shared several Ph.D. and MS students during my time at FSU. Mischa was always involved in every aspect of his group and the projects they worked on, paying attention to even the smallest of details. I learned a tremendous amount from Mischa during those years and in a large part, he shaped my career. When I look back on my time at FSU and working with Mischa, I will always remember that blue RTDS cup full of coffee! God rest Mischa and I'll see you down the road.

Christopher S. Edrington - September 01, 2023 at 02:41 PM

MA

“ Mischa always graciously and optimistically gave gratitude and instilled confidence for the people he met. I am forever grateful that he gave me a chance at CAPS 15yrs ago. His legacy, his passion, his kindness and his humility helped me grow up and become who I am today. Love you Maria!

matt - September 01, 2023 at 02:33 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



matt - September 01, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

September 01, 2023 at 02:29 PM

DB

“ At the University of Trieste, we are saddened by the immeasurable loss your family has suffered. May there be comfort in knowing that a person so special like Mischa will never be forgotten.

The deepest sympathy from Trieste, Italy.

From: Bosich Bucci Chiandone Sulligoi Tavagnutti Vicenzutti - University of Trieste

Daniele Bosich - September 01, 2023 at 01:26 PM

TK

“ Mischa was easily one of the nicest, happiest people I've ever met. You simply could not leave a conversation with him not wearing a smile on your face. Wishing you love and peace that passes understanding, Maria.

Tisha Keller - September 01, 2023 at 01:04 PM

CF

“ Cyril F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Cyril F. - September 01, 2023 at 12:55 PM

JH

“ Mischa was one of my longest friendships, we shared a mutual respect for each other, and I will miss him dearly.

John Hauer - September 01, 2023 at 12:54 PM

JH

“ John H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

John H. - September 01, 2023 at 12:47 PM

TC

“ Tuyen Vu, Clarkson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Tuyen Vu, Clarkson - September 01, 2023 at 12:42 PM

OF

“ Omar F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Omar F. - September 01, 2023 at 12:37 PM



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September 01, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ Brock M. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Brock M. - September 01, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ James L. planted a grove of 3 </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Trees in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

James L. - September 01, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ David W. planted a grove of 3 </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Trees in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

David W. - September 01, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ Sihun S. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Sihun S. - September 01, 2023 at 12:26 PM

DN

“ Duke Hartman, Joshua Knight, Dylan Temple, George Nickolopoulos planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Duke Hartman, Joshua Knight, Dylan Temple, George Nickolopoulos - September 01, 2023 at 12:08 PM

OA

“ Olugbenga A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Olugbenga A. - September 01, 2023 at 12:03 PM

RF

“ Roger McGinnis and Family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.



Roger McGinnis and Family. - September 01, 2023 at 10:35 AM

RF

“ Roger McGinnis and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael (Mischa) Steurer.

Roger McGinnis and Family. - September 01, 2023 at 10:35 AM

RM

“ Mischa's passing has been such a shock. Devastating to those of us who considered him a colleague who we worked with daily, and also a friend. He was not only a superstar in his profession, but more importantly a great mentor to fellow members of his team, and to students who sought him out for guidance. He was also a very kind friend to so many. He opened up his home to visitors and occasionally students who needed a short term stay while dorms were closed. Just an unbelievably nice person. He will be missed for a very long time.

Roger McGinnis - September 01, 2023 at 10:30 AM

AD

“ I will so miss Mischa. I will especially think of him in October. The Tallahassee Museum used to have a haunted trail, and he set up an amazing sound system that echoed mysterious music throughout the woods. Then he would put on a long black robe and a very strange big eyeball mask and sneak up on the people in the dark. "I love to make them scream."

Ann Durham - August 31, 2023 at 07:05 PM

MM

Ann,
I still remember the "points" Mischa told me about making on the haunted trail. A great example of his sense of humor.

Mike Murphy - September 05, 2023 at 04:06 PM