



Randall L. Krauter

August 2, 1957 - October 21, 2022

Randall "Randy" Lewis Krauter passed away peacefully at home in Vancouver, Washington on October 21, 2022, at age 65 with members of his family by his side. Randy was born August 2, 1957, in Bakersfield, California to Glen and Eilene (Taylor), their third boy and the third of the four children they would have. The extended Krauter Family all lived on one street on the family farm in Arvin, California, so Randy and his siblings all grew up playing with their cousins. As a child, Randy attended Arvin Union Congregational Church and was enrolled in Di Giorgio Elementary School, where his mom taught home economics. Randy was enrolled in Arvin High School and participated in several clubs throughout his high-school career including, the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), Chess club, and Masquers (drama) - in total he performed in three plays, "June Mad", "Diary of Anne Frank" and "Harvey". Randy was on the rifle and golf teams, and also played baseball on the varsity team in his senior year before graduating in 1975. Randy's summer jobs included counting insects for a pest control company and packing carrots. Randy went on to attend San Jose State University for five years. At university, Randy was a member of the Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi, and he graduated in 1980 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Randy's first job right out of college was with Hewlett-Packard Company in Corvallis, Oregon. He started off designing and making handheld calculators. Eventually Randy would be on the team of engineers that designed and built the first inkjet printer, which meant the end for the old noisy dot-matrix printers. In 1983

Randy moved from Corvallis, Oregon when his division was transferred to Vancouver, Washington, where he would continue to work on designing and building printers. In 2007, after 27 years with HP, Randy took early retirement. He enjoyed two weeks of retired life, before deciding maybe he wasn't quite ready to retire, so in May of 2007 Randy went to work for his friend Bill Huseby at Sigma Design as a senior engineer, with the caveat that he didn't want to work on any more printers! While at Sigma Design, Randy worked primarily on building medical devices, before eventually working again for HP as a contract senior design engineer building - you guessed it - printers. Working for Sigma Design gave Randy the opportunity to travel and work in China, Thailand, and Malaysia, which he enjoyed. Randy also enjoyed sailing and would often crew for his friend Bill, another sailing enthusiast. Randy was an amateur radio hobbyist, who went under the call sign KA7YFZ from 1993-2005. Randy's mom Eilene, being a home economics teacher, made sure that Randy was well versed in the domestic arts, and as a result, he was a great cook and especially enjoyed barbeque and smoking meats. After focusing so much of his time and energy on his education and career, Randy finally decided he was ready to settle down. In 2011 Randy met his future wife, LeiLani Paki, through the online dating website, Match, and they married in 2013 in Vancouver, WA. Both the Krauter and Paki families were beyond thrilled that their families' last matrimonial holdouts had finally found their life partners! On September 6, 2017, Randy suffered a heart attack while in a meeting at work. He received CPR and when paramedics arrived, they were able to defibrillate his heart and get it starting again. As a result of being without oxygen for an unknown period, Randy suffered an anoxic brain injury. Randy's cardiologist said it was a miracle he survived. The brain injury left him with short-term memory loss, moderate cognitive impairment, and vascular Parkinson's. Randy was not able to speak much or walk after that. Unfortunately, this medical event meant that he had to retire from the work he loved. Over the next five years, Randy and LeiLani both found a supportive community and friendship with The Stroke and Brain Injury Support Group

and The Aphasia Network. Randy passed away peacefully at home with the support of hospice. Randy was predeceased by his brothers-in-law Michael F. Arroyo in November 2017 and Matthew Arroyo in December 2017; his father-in-law Michael P. Arroyo in July 2019; his mother Lilian E. Krauter in April 2021 and his father Glen E. Krauter in January 2022. Randy is survived by his wife, LeiLani Paki, his brothers Kevin (Jane Ochinero) of Newberg, Oregon, and Robert (Carol Barkley) of Woodland, California and his sister Sharman (David Demler) of Wasco, California; father-in-law, Raymond (Lori Ann Date) Paki, mother-in-law, Laura Hitchcock Arroyo; brothers and sisters-in-law, Samson (Kathy Remakel) Paki, Seth (Laura Miller) Paki, Elika (Michelle Carr) Paki, Brandon Schirling, Brandee (Brian) Leslie; 17 nieces and nephews - Lisa (Travis) Smith, Travis Krauter; Carl, Steven and Emily Demler; Carrie (Jeff) Gordon; Taylor and Alec Paki; Aubrianna (Devon Nakamura) and Nicholas Remakel-Larson; Selene, Levi and Alice Paki; Noelani and Scarlet Paki; and eight great-nieces and nephews - Isaac, Rachel, Zach, Alice, and Benson Smith; Michael Gordon and Audrey and Channing Nakamura. Randy's family is invited to witness his remains be interred at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1101 N.E. 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684 on Saturday, November 19th at 9:30a. All who knew and loved Randy are welcome to attend his Celebration of Life which will be held Saturday, November 19th at 10:30a. It will be a memorial service with a luncheon to follow directly afterward. It will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 11101 NE 119th St, Vancouver, WA 98662.

Tribute Wall



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“ Leilani, were it not for Aphasia Camp and the circumstances that led us there, we likely would not have met you and Randy. Lynn and I send our condolences and prayers, forever grateful for the memories we have of you and Randy together by the seashore.
Love, Tim & Lynn

Tim and Lynn Otter - November 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Together, you made a very beautiful couple, and we are so sorry for your loss.

Doug and Rosemary Caudell - November 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Randall L. Krauter - November 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Randall L. Krauter

Funeral Home Owner - November 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM