



## Mr. Donald Thomas Kjenstad

March 24, 1947 - December 19, 2022

Donald Thomas Kjenstad, 75, of Alpharetta, Georgia died on Monday, December 19th, 2022 at his home. He was born in Fargo, North Dakota to the late Donald and Marjorie Kjenstad.

A graduate of Fargo Central High School, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1965, where he met his first computer. His service included one year in Vietnam. He earned a Bachelor of Computer Science from the University of Minnesota in 1978. Don spent his career in IT including Control Data, spending some time in Switzerland at CERN, the largest particle physics lab, Framatome Connectors International, and retiring from Delta Apparel.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Struphar; daughters, Stefanie Kjenstad of Oakwood, Georgia and Kristine Kjenstad of Fargo, North Dakota; sister, KarenAnn Dame of Fargo, North Dakota; brothers, James of Crescent City, California and Robert (Sarah) of Fargo, North Dakota; granddaughter, Kelsey Samford Brackett (Brett); great-granddaughter, Cassadee Samford-Hicks; niece, Courteney Dame, and many cousins. Don was preceded in death by his second mother, AnnaMarie Kjenstad.

A celebration to honor the life of Donald "Tom" Kjenstad will be held in Fargo, ND in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice in memory of Donald "Tom" Kjenstad.

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# Tribute Wall

VA

“ Although my visits with Tom were limited, I always enjoyed conversations with him! He always showed lovely interest during our talks with a sense of humor that was delightful! May loving memories of times together with Tom help ease the grief of all who loved him.

Valerie - December 23, 2022 at 12:20 PM

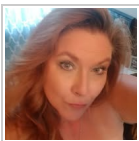
GG

“ I remember when he went with us to the Gabrielson farm. We went for a ride on the Cushman scooter!! Tom tipped it over on gravel road and was bleeding on both arms! Then we went for ride on Ginger the horse. what could happen did well

Ginger did his favorite trick he ran to Barn and stopped quick just before the door. Down went Tom onto his arms again! We brought Home a sore boy!!



Gerald Gabrielson - December 23, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ My Dad was a very intelligent man. We had a very loving father daughter relationship and I will miss him immensely. The memories are long and many. One that stands out is when he picked us up for the summer and we stayed in Texas. Had a blast with the CB and his North Star handle. We sang Elvira by the Oak Ridge Boys. Kris and I will miss him terribly but thankful he was our Dad. Rest Easy Dad...you will be missed very much.

Stefanie Kjenstad - December 22, 2022 at 10:21 PM

KD

“ I loved my big brother so much he was very special to me. Always there when I needed him. I will cherish the special bond we had and have so many fun memories that will keep my heart full. Looking forward to celebrating him and sharing those memories. ❤️ KarenAnn



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**KarenAnn Dame** - December 22, 2022 at 02:12 PM

DH

We had some great times Tom. What a ride that night in your that old ford. Miss ya but know I will see you again.

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**Dick Hennebry** - December 22, 2022 at 02:51 PM

SC

“ Oh, my, the childhood memories are flowing through my brain. We cousins were together for so many event. With Mom, Don and Jane all living fairly close we gathered together often. But while Mary and I stayed inside and played with dolls and were perfect, the boys were booted outside to wreck havoc. I am so looking forward to gathering together this summer and sharing them. I am guessing that Tom was the center of many. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Cousin Sharon and Rod

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**Sharon Johnson Carlson** - December 22, 2022 at 10:23 AM