



Kurt Leonhard Popp

November 30, 1936 - March 6, 2024

Kurt Leonard Popp, 87, passed away quietly at the Bruce W. Carter Veterans Administration hospital on March 6th, 2024 after battling against heart and kidney disease.

Kurt was born November 30th, 1936 in Nuremberg, Germany, where he grew up amid a tumultuous economic environment and the threats of the First World War. At the tender age of 20, Kurt embarked upon his most treasured adventure, joining the US Navy “to see the world.” His adventures stretched across assignments on the USS Tarawa (1956-1960), the USS Alameda County (1960-1962), and the USS Falgout (1962-1965). He spent 6 years captaining LCU’s (Landing Craft Utility) during the Vietnam conflict before settling in as the Shipyard Superintendent at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After a long and distinguished Naval career, Kurt retired from Activity duty in 1975 with a Bronze Star with a Combat V, a Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, five Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, two Vietnam Service Medals, and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Kurt settled into his post-military career, raising a family in Rhode Island, including his surviving wife Jean and their two children Cindy and Joseph. His post-military career took him down a similar vocation as his Naval career, leading him to work for 12 years as chief electrician for Brown University before finally retiring for good and returning back to Hialeah, Florida. It is here

that he truly called home, spending his time regaling family and friends with his plethora of stories and adventures over the course of an eventful life.

Kurt was a kind and thoughtful soul and will be missed and remembered by the countless lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association in the fight against our nation's No. 1 and No. 5 killers - heart disease and stroke, which played a significant role in the untimely death of a beloved husband, father, and friend.

A viewing service will be conducted on March 25th at 11 a.m. at Abundant Life Deliverance Ministry (100 S Douglas Rd, Pembroke Pines, FL 33025). In accordance with his final wishes, Kurt will ultimately be cremated and his remains will be interned at the South Florida Veterans National Cemetery (6501 FL-7, Wellington, FL 33449), with full-color guard and the associated military ceremony befitting a career Senior Chief Petty Officer. The family is currently making plans for the ceremony and further details will be shared soon.

Cemetery Details

South Florida National Cemetery

6501 South State Road 7
Lake Worth, FL 33449
(561) 649-6489
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/southflorida.asp>

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 25. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries Center
100 S. Douglas Road
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

Interment

APR 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilcox Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kurt Leonhard Popp*



Wilcox Family Funeral Home - March 25, 2024 at 01:57 PM

KG

“ *I will miss you so much, Grandpa..Rest easy with the Angels
Grandpa..forever in our hearts..your granddaughter, Kayla L. Popp*
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Kayla L. Popp, Granddaughter - March 02, 2025 at 08:45 AM

PP

“ *Forever in our hearts Pop..*

Popp Family, Kurt Jr., Vivian & Kayla Pop - March 02, 2025 at 05:02 AM

TK

“ Dearest Pop, I am truly saddened to learn of your passing & to find out this way when no one has reached out to me of your passing, It's truly devastating..I'm sorry & regret not being there but I know we will all meet again....Even tho you were in my life a short time, from the day we finally reunited, you treated me as your son like there was no loss time, my only regret is that we didn't find each other sooner but I'm so thankful for all the memories we shared together..I will forever remember your stories of you in the navy, the awards etc..you were so proud & I am truly blessed to be your first born son & truly honored to carry your name.

Your kindness and warmth touched our lives & as soon as we were reunited, you & Aunt Emma treated me, my wife Vivian & your granddaughter Kayla like family.. You never forgot our birthdays & the holidays. You will be truly missed, May your love, wisdom, and strength continue to guide us..forever in our hearts Pop..The Popp Family, .Your first born son, Kurt Jr, your daughter-in-law Vivian & your granddaughter Kayla

The Popp Family, Kurt Jr.,Vivian & Kayla - March 02, 2025 at 04:58 AM

TK

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The Popp Family, Kurt Jr.,Vivian & Kayla - March 02, 2025 at 04:54 AM

CB

“ *Christopher B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kurt Leonard Popp.*

Christopher B. - March 24, 2024 at 08:18 PM

HS

“ It is with deepest sympathy to the family of Kurt Popp on his passing. He’s been my best friend for the past 70 years and I will forever remember him for his kindness and generosity we shared many great memories together rest in peace, my friend Hank Sterner

Hank Sterner - March 20, 2024 at 10:53 AM

HS

“ Hank & Gail Sterner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kurt Leonhard Popp.



Hank & Gail Sterner - March 20, 2024 at 09:24 AM

MB

“ Myia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kurt Leonard Popp.

Myia B. - March 16, 2024 at 12:34 PM