



Duane R.W. Murtomaki

May 24, 1939 - March 26, 2019

Duane R W Murtomaki died Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at Grand Strand Healthcare.

He was predeceased by Connie his loving wife of over 40 years and by his parents, Hendrick WB and Lila (Lepisto) Murtomaki.

Duane was born on May 24, 1939 in Tri-Mountain, Michigan. He graduated from Southern Lehigh High School Center Valley, PA in 1957 and the Moravian College Bethlehem, PA in 1961 where he was a member of Sigma Phi Omega Social Fraternity and Epsilon Beta Alpha Business Fraternity. He earned a Masters Degree from George Washington University in 1974. He served in the US Navy aboard the USS Enterprise CVA (N) 65 from 1962-1964. He retired as the Computer Project Manager for the U.S. Army Security Assistance command in 1991 after over 30 years of dedicated service. Duane was a member of NARFE, the Elks, the USS Enterprise Association, A life member of both the VFW and American Legion, a past Master of the Socastee Masonic Lodge, a Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Mason and an Omar Temple Shriner; he was a past Moose Deputy Supreme Governor, past Moose Deputy Regional Manager, past President of the Southern Carolina Moose Association, past District President, three time Governor of the Surfside Beach Moose Family Center, over 20 year Moose District 4 Secretary, served as Moose State Chairman of the by-Laws, Risk Management and past State Presidents Committees for decades and is a member of the Myrtle Beach and Pawleys Island Moose Lodges.

Duane is survived by many cousins; his sister in law, Nancy (Charlie) Burks; nephews, Wendell Paul (Tracy) Curvin, Chris (Joyce) Curvin and Danny (Holly) Curvin. He is also survived by Connie's special cousin, Jamie and husband Philip Ingle and their children Rebekah (Andrew) Susman and Josh. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, April 12, 2019 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with a one hour visitation prior to the service. It is Duane's request that in lieu of flowers, if you desire, donations be made to: Moose Charities 155 S. International Drive Mooseheart, Illinois 60539. Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Duane's family on his loss. We are thankful for his leadership in the Moose organization and for his heart of service. He made a positive impact on so many lives at Mooseheart and at Moosehaven. The Moose Lodge was a great place to be because of men like Duane and he always gave his best. We are grateful to have walked the road of life alongside such a caring man - God bless.

Scott Hart, Mooseheart, IL - April 03, 2019 at 07:53 AM

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“ *"Mort" --- What a great high school friend and fellow-athlete he was! I regret not seeing him again after that time. Of many fun times and fond memories, the one I love the most occurred on the first day of school of our senior year. We both wore pink pants (his idea) that day, sat as close to the front of the homeroom as we could, and stuck our legs out into the aisle as far as possible (his, being about twice as long as mine, making the bigger impact). This greatly aggravated our homeroom teacher (which, of course, was our intent, along with getting a few laughs from our classmates) Mrs. Faye T. Sprandel, and, unfortunately, led to a year-long contentious relationship with her.*

I was surprised to learn, upon reading his obituary, that he became a computer whiz; I guess he did have some serious moments. And even though I didn't see him for the past 60+/- years, I still feel like I've lost someone close.

R.I.P. my good buddy,

Norm Reinik

Big Bear Lake, CA

Norm Reinik - March 31, 2019 at 05:46 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I graduated from high school with Duane and have many memories as he was the desk behind me throughout our school years. Marti Latshaw Kalko*

Marti Kalko - March 31, 2019 at 12:21 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you.*

Rozanne Brown - March 28, 2019 at 07:18 PM