



## Kurt Franz Diessner

August 22, 1949 - February 22, 2021

A loving husband, father, brother, uncle, sailor, and a lover of life, Kurt Franz Diessner, age 71, entered his eternal rest on February 22, 2021.

Along with our Lord, he was greeted by his father John, mother Maria and brother John Diessner. Kurt is survived by his wife Selma, sister-in-law Kathy Diessner, sister Maria Pilipski, brother Matthew Diessner and wife Donna.

He and his wife of fifty years, Selma, raised four children: Jason (Shadow) Diessner, Inez (Chad) Hannon, Stacy (Todd) Ferris, and Nickole (Kevin) Dooley; six grandchildren Andrea and Nathan Diessner, Noah (fiancé Julia Sudduth), Gabe and Lillian Hannon, and Olivia Dooley.

Kurt loved his nieces, nephews and their families as his own children: Amy, Gena, Ian, Damien, Seth, Jacob, Lucas, Kathleen, Laura, Stephanie, Danielle and Denise. Last but not least, their beloved dogs Trixie and Sandy.

Kurt was a role model who inspired his loved ones to live their lives to the fullest, and they will continue to honor his legacy. He took pride in his family and his work. Since showing a mechanical inclination in childhood, Kurt spent 40 years in the field he loved, retiring in 2011 from Grocery Haulers Inc.

Kurtie and Sam's passion for sailing on Vidazzled II (the dazzled life) took

them from New Jersey to the Gulf Coast. The journey was amazing. Kurtie and Sam lived life to the fullest traveling across our beautiful country in their RV in Vidazzled III. The simplest pleasure of being on a beach - with warm sun against his skin and sand between toes, bobbing in the water - was a day well spent. The day always ended with gratefulness, a full heart and a gin and tonic.

“May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”...Irish Blessing.

A mass to celebrate Kurt's life will be celebrated at The Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, 1633 Waverly Rd. Pawleys Island South Carolina 29585, whom you may contact for specifics. Covid Precautions will be followed.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Judes Children's Hospital [www.stjudes.org](http://www.stjudes.org) or the Ocean Conservancy [www.oceancoverancy.org](http://www.oceancoverancy.org)

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Speeding me around Barnaget Bay in the family motorboat, executing a “bat turn “ — and breaking the keel! 🤪 😊*

Joseph Reich - March 03, 2021 at 05:08 PM

JS

“ *Selmita, just like your trip here to Berlin, Kurt's live was a fantastic journey and we were happy to be a small part of it. Now that your own journey continues without Kurt, we want you to know that you have all our support and we will always be with you in spirit. Siempre contigo con todo amor. Mamí, Rony y Jaime*

Jaime Scheidemann - February 28, 2021 at 04:16 PM

Lora Petersen

“ *Uncle Kurt touched a lot of lives with his big heart and contagious smile. We will miss you dearly. Love, Lora, Jimmy, and Julia*



Lora Petersen - February 26, 2021 at 12:58 PM

BB

“ We were stunned to hear of the passing of Kurt. Kurt always lived life to the fullest, and was a wonderful and caring friend. We will always treasure the fun times shared starting at Winter Yacht Basin. Kurt touched the hearts of so many people. Our daughter Melanie (who was young at the time) was sad when the delivery of Vidazzled II was delayed, and she insisted on tying a small plastic boat with string in Kurt’s slip at Winter’s so “he wouldn’t have an empty slip” (we still remember standing around with the gang from Winter’s, looking at the empty slip). Sailing aboard Vidazzled II was always a treat, and we were so glad when Vidazzled moved to Shore Point Marina, and we became neighbor’s again. We lived through, and loved to hear about your travels and experiences. We cannot begin to describe the sorrow we feel for your loss. Kurt’s passing represents a deep loss to us all. You will all, always, be in our thoughts and prayers.... Blair, Linda & Melanie Bugher

Blair Bugher - February 25, 2021 at 11:54 AM

IL

“ Sammy, Gary and I were so very sorry to hear of the passing of Kurt. Praying god gives you and your family the strength and healing needed in this time of sorrow. ❤️🙏 Ilene & Gary DalCorso

Ilene - February 25, 2021 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kurt Franz Diessner.



February 24, 2021 at 09:18 PM

MG

“ *So much love.....*



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**Monica Gunn** - February 24, 2021 at 08:51 PM

MG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Monica Gunn** - February 24, 2021 at 08:48 PM

MG

*I'll miss the nick names you had for me.... Fe Fi Fo MO & Moses!*

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**Monica Gunn** - February 24, 2021 at 09:48 PM

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**Monica Gunn** - February 24, 2021 at 08:45 PM

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Monica Gunn - February 24, 2021 at 08:38 PM

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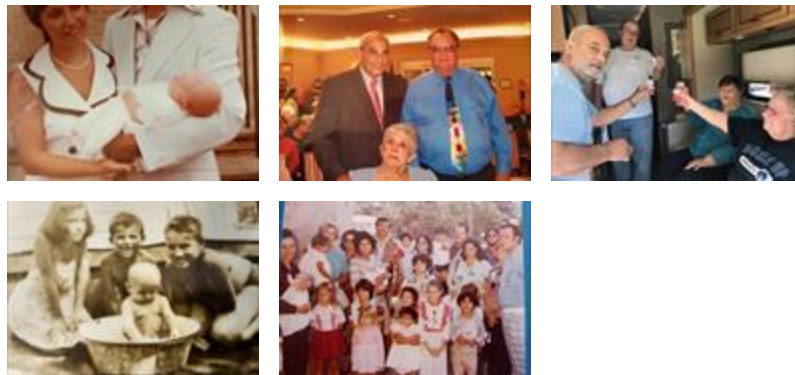
“ Such great memories of Kurtie! A gentle loving soul that was literally in my life for almost my entire existence. An amazing man & role model. Thank you Kurt for loving your wife's baby sister! Love you all so much 🙏❤️



Monica Gunn - February 24, 2021 at 08:32 PM

KA

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Kathleen - February 24, 2021 at 07:05 PM

EF

“ Kurt was a gentle giant with a great big heart. Always a smile on his face. Kurt and Selma are more than friends, we are family. May God admit you to the company of his Saints. You certainly are one of them.

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**Ed and Jackie Fischer** - February 24, 2021 at 05:35 PM

KC

“ There are few words to express how sad we feel about the passing of our dear friend Kurt. His sense of humor, warmth and generosity will always remain with us. He knew how to have fun, he knew how to be a good husband and a good father and grandfather. He shared those things with us too. His love for sailing and life was infectious and we are much richer people for having known him. He will be dearly missed by many but forgotten by none.



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**Kathy Cherwinski** - February 24, 2021 at 04:35 PM

 Sheryl Edwards

“ Sam, Sharing in your sadness at the passing of Kurt. We send you and your family our deepest condolences and heartfelt thoughts of comfort and peace. We loved hearing your sailing, travelling and RVing stories on the beach at Cape Breton over the years.  
Sheryl Edwards & Lynn Farber

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**Sheryl Edwards** - February 24, 2021 at 04:05 PM

SD

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



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**Shadow Diessner** - February 24, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ Beautifully written obituary. There aren't enough words to describe who he was or what he meant to his friends and family. I am not related by blood, but he is my Uncle too as he and Aunt Sam always made me feel like part of the family from day one.

*I don't know how else to describe it but to say that Uncle Kurt loved large and hard with all of his strength - and hugged like that too. I will miss those hugs.*

*To me, Uncle Kurt always seemed calm under pressure and didn't sweat the small stuff. At the Olympics, when under pressure I would tell Amy to take a breath and think WWUKD...what would Uncle Kurt do. :)*

*I can only hope I can learn from Uncle Kurt to love large, don't sweat the small stuff and give bigger hugs to the ones I love.*

*Karynn Pilipski*

*(I found a few photos and hopefully will find more)*



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**Karynn Pilipski** - February 24, 2021 at 11:45 AM

SF

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**Stacy Ferris** - February 24, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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Stacy Ferris - February 24, 2021 at 11:22 AM

JS

“ Our sincere love and condolences to the Diessner family. Kurt was so full of love for Sam and his family that it was all enveloping when you were in his presence. He was quite a character and great storyteller. Thank you for letting us be a part of your extended family thru Stacy, its been a privilege.



*Payers and Love,  
The Stadnik Family*

Jocelyn Stadnik - February 24, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Inez Hannon - February 24, 2021 at 10:08 AM



*Inez, I am so very sorry to hear about the death of your father. Peace be with you and your family my friend. 🙏*

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**Rosylin Weston** - February 24, 2021 at 11:13 AM



*Sam and family I am so sorry to hear of Kurt's passing, my sincere condolences. How lucky I was to know Kurt from sailing on Tuesday nights for years and we had such fun- he was always a considerate, warm and loving person- I will always remember those great times. Michael Tufariello*

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**Michael Tufariello** - February 24, 2021 at 04:45 PM