



Norbert Flatow

March 10, 1934 - May 3, 2021

Norbert has led an interesting, exciting and fulfilling life. Born in Breslau, Germany at the time the Nazis came to power, he fled Germany with his family to Shanghai, China in 1939. Arriving into a totally alien environment and with limited funds, Norbert and his family spent eight years living in a ghetto in one room with forty other refugees.

Norbert was fortunate to go to a school in Shanghai which taught in English. Before leaving China in 1947, Norbert had his Bar Mitzvah in Shanghai. The family emigrated from Shanghai to Montevideo, Uruguay traveling via the US. In Montevideo at age 13, Norbert started his auto mechanic apprenticeship. He worked numerous jobs in Uruguay and in 1958 immigrated to the United States. Six months after his arrival in the U.S., Norbert was drafted into the US Army. He served honorably for three years.

While stationed in Germany, Norbert married a German girl with whom he fathered two children. It was notable that during the inductive process, the Army awarded Norbert a GED high school equivalent, which later allowed him to go to college, part time, for fourteen years. He graduated from George Mason University with a business degree. Norbert had a fulfilling career of 33 years with Federal Aviation Administration, rising through the ranks into a management position. Norbert remarried in 1990 to his sweetheart Sue. Together, they retired in 2001 from the Federal Government and have since lived a happy life that included much travel.

Norbert is survived by his loving wife, Sue, his two children Susan and Mark,

five step children and nine grandchildren.

Throughout his life Norbert was an active gymnast, tennis player, skier, golfer and bridge player. He enjoyed building and repairing items in his home and helping friends and neighbors. He was an active member of Temple Shalom and enjoyed bringing his famous deviled eggs to the various functions.

Norbert will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery and will be missed by his family and friends.

Donations can be made in Norbert's memory to Temple Shalom at P.O. Box 51034, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Offering our condolences for the loss of your loved one. May 'the God of all comfort' be with the Flatow family at this time. Isaiah 41:10*

Kathryn - May 13, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norbert Flatow.*



May 10, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Norbert always made me feel a part of the family and showed his love and support from the start. Lots of memories of visits to Texas, Florida, & Myrtle Beach. Our family had such fun visiting and enjoying the beach, mini-golf, and amazing food. I'll never forget you, Norbert! Thank you for loving us with your whole heart - we were beyond blessed to have you in our life. Love, Lorie Baez and Family from Austin, Tx*

Lorie Baez - May 09, 2021 at 12:12 PM

AB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Norbert was such a kind, generous, interesting man. We were blessed to know him. With love, the Bernstein family*

Alysa Bernstein - May 09, 2021 at 10:24 AM

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“ *Deepest sympathy to all of the Flatow/Sexton family, from all of the Isotalo family.*

Eric Isotalo - May 08, 2021 at 03:26 PM

LM

“ *I have know this wonderful man for over 30 years. He has touched my life in so many ways that I do not know where to begin. We laughed at his wedding with joy. We shared many happy times at our children's weddings. We cruised together in Alaska. The hospitality that he and Sue extended all the time will be missed. He loved life and has a wonderful family that I am blessed to know. May he Rest In Peace.*
Lauren



Lauren Mackay - May 08, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ I’ve only known Norbert & Sue for a very short time. Since I just bought my house and moved in on 2 January of this year. On 3 January Mr. Norbert Flatow graced my door with a welcome to the neighborhood. His friendliness and welcoming demeanor made such an impact on me as individual. I was truly moved and felt at ease because of his welcoming that evening. I just knew that I had made the right choice when I purchased this home! As the days and months past we would text each other to check on one another and to make sure nobody needed anything! When you move into a new neighborhood, and have no family around, and a perfect stranger knocks on your door and welcomes you, Well let’s just say I was moved beyond measure. I will miss Norbert as I know the family goes through this trying time, but I will never forget the ring of my doorbell that night and his sweet voice of hello! May you rest in peace Norbert, for your flight is now over!
God Bless!
Dianne Parker, Neighbor



Dianne Parker - May 06, 2021 at 01:57 PM

ML

I miss Norbert so much. He was a second father to me and he used to tell me that everything would always work out whenever I came to him with a problem. I know he was hurting and I wish life could have ended easier for him, but I know this was where you felt the end needed to be. Thanks for being the best husband to my mom and a great second dad to me. I'll miss our talks so much! xx Maria

Maria Luoni - May 06, 2021 at 10:45 PM



Norbert and Sue were one of the first couples that welcomed us to the neighborhood. They are still very dear to us and we will hold them in our hearts forever. Norbert was the kind of guy who you just could not help being happy every time you met him. He was truly a dear friend and wonderful neighbor opening his home to us and welcoming us when we first moved in. He was a TRUE inspiration and will be missed. God gained a truly remarkable man to heaven. Rest in peace my Brother 🇺🇸❤️

William Fowler - May 07, 2021 at 07:41 AM



Growing up with Maria, Norbert and Sue were like second parents to me. Norbert went out of his way to include the kids, including me, in activities and vacations. We played board games, went snow skiing, water skiing, played tennis, and had lots of fun "family" time. He gave us a lot of advice, which annoyed us at the time (ha), but he truly cared about us and our futures. He was fun and optimistic and he loved life. It's heartbreaking that his love for life was tragically overshadowed by illness. His memory will live on and I will smile every time I think of sweet Norbie.

Dawn D Wasson - May 07, 2021 at 08:08 AM



*Our family moved to Alexandria, Virginia in 1967. Three years later, we were fortunate to buy a house next door to Norbert and his family. We lived next door to them for 25 years. They always treated us like special friends and family. Our son Kevin and Mark were great friends, as was our daughter, Tammy with Susan. We went on many boat cruises together, and we took annual vacations to Florida. Norbert was not only a tremendous cook, but always made it fun for everyone. He was always kind, caring and considerate. He was the kind of friend that everyone would love to have. We loved him dearly, and we will miss him more than more than we are able to express. Sue was the perfect wife for him. She showed her love for Norbert in scores of ways, every single day! We will truly miss you Norbert. You will always be with us in our minds, spirit, soul. We love you.
—Glenn, Arlene, Kevin and Tammy.*

Glenn and Arlene Pfau - May 08, 2021 at 01:10 AM

JR

We not only loved Norbert, we admired him. He was an amazing man. Duane and I sat at the same table with Sue and Norbert at the Arrowhead Christmas party in December 2011. As you can imagine, they welcomed us right away. He used to say you can only have so many good friends. We have shared so many good times with them and both of their families. We have shared food, laughter, tears, and so much joy with Sue and Norbert. Actually, we always felt like we were part of their family. Norbert had such a zest for life, and he loved to travel. One of our favorite memories is the trip the four of us took on an Avalon river boat cruise through Provence, France. After the cruise, we rented a car and drove to the Swiss Alps where we stayed in condos for a week. Duane and I would serve breakfast in our condo while Sue and Norbert would serve dinner. Of course we played cards every night. The night before we were to leave and drive to the airport for our flight home, Norbert and Duane said we needed to get up at 3:00 a.m. to ensure we made it to the airport on time. We woke up to our alarm and also Norbert banging on our door. We jumped up and opened the door and there was Norbert in his PJ's saying he just wanted to make sure we were awake. You just can't forget that moment in time. Duane and I are very humbled to have been a part of his life. We tried to be there for him in his time of need, The world, his family, and friends have lost a remarkable man. He gave of himself as much as he could. No one loved their family more. Rest in peace our beloved friend. We will never forget you! We are not sure how we will ever heal our hearts! You will forever be a part of us!

Much love and many hugs, Joanie and Duane

JOAN RIDNOUR-SKINNER RIDNOUR-SKINNER - May 08, 2021 at 09:22 AM

JM

I miss my friend Norbert and I can't praise him beyond what his family and friends have written about him. We loved each other's company because he always knew that I was listening closely whenever we discussed politics, family, travel, health and the world in general. For over 30 years we shared families with him and Sue and we considered ourselves lucky to part of many joint family activities. We were quite shocked to notice his failing health over the past 8-9 months and tried to visit he and Sue whenever possible. They loved coming to our house for dinner because I always cooked food he liked the best: pork tenderloin, steak, veal, chicken and Lauren prepared her favorite crab cakes. I realized that after reading his autobiography for the 2nd time, he developed a taste for manhattans from his earlier days in Montevideo and we shared many together. I'll miss his kindness, generosity and love and hope we will meet again in our celestial body. To Sue, you're the best and we will continue sharing our friendship for the remainder of our lives. Jim Mackay

Jim Mackay - May 08, 2021 at 01:04 PM

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*Sue and family, we just finished the Rabbi ceremony for Norbert, it was very sad and at the same time happy, sharing all memories of family and friends.
Sue, you know how much we loved Norbert, we will never forget him. We had a very good moments together here in Miami Beach.
Alvaro and Margarita Reyes*

Alvaro and Margarita Reyes - May 09, 2021 at 11:43 AM