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Karl Jerome Breiter passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, in his home in Holladay, Utah on May 13, 2021.

Karl was born June 11, 1962 in Lafayette, IN to Jerome J and Antoinette (Toni) Breiter (nee Bizyak). He lived in Wilmington, DE until 1970 when his family moved to Annandale, VA. Karl proudly attended Penn State University, where he achieved a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1984. After graduation he moved to Sandy, UT to accept a position with Hercules Aerospace.

Karl had a great fascination of and love for the sky and space. In addition to his long career in Aerospace Engineering, including working for many years at Thiokol / ATK on the space shuttle program, he was a passionate amateur astronomer and meteorologist. If you saw a natural phenomenon in the sky and wondered what it was, Karl could probably tell you. He took great joy in sharing his knowledge, especially with the younger generation through science fairs and summer camps.

Karl also had a great love of sports. He played soccer starting at an early age up through his college years, and never lost his love of “the beautiful game.” He was also an avid golfer, and with wife Cathy enjoyed hiking, camping and skiing. He was a lifelong fan of Baltimore Orioles baseball and Washington DC football as well as Penn State football.

Karl was also passionate about music. He was a mostly self-taught electric bass player, and overcame some serious stage-fright to play with a local cover band for several years. Karl loved music with an interesting or complex bass-line, especially progressive rock. While he definitely had strong opinions about music, he had a broad and almost encyclopedic knowledge of a wide variety of music from the ‘60s onward.

While this outwardly calm and rational man had many hidden passions, his greatest love was for his family. He and wife Cathy met in Utah through mutual friends, and were married in 1989. Karl



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was always proud of and supportive of Cathy's accomplishments. Together they raised two beautiful children. While he may not have always shown it openly, Karl loved his children with all his heart.

Karl is survived by his wife Cathy (Catherine Cowart), children Danielle and Megan, mother Toni and sister Kirsten Johnson (Steve) as well as extended family and many friends. Karl was preceded in death by father Jerry and sister Karin.

Final arrangements to be conducted by Premier Funeral Services (Salt Lake City, UT) with a memorial service to be held at a later date. In memory of Karl, please consider a contribution to enhancing STEM education or musical opportunities for children.



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HB

Heather Breiter posted:

Karl! Sarcastic, brilliant, #1 Penn State super fan, dedicated son and husband and brother and father. Our sympathies to all of you who are left behind, we will all miss him, and may you be consoled by the knowledge that he has left an indelible mark on this family and in the history of the hanky dance! Dennis, Heather, Pat, Harper, and Tiernan

August 27 at 5:29 PM

CS

Caroline Safranek posted:

Karl was among my most favorite cousins (Second cousin) and one I adored. I enjoyed visits from the Breiter kids when I was a child -they came to stay with their Aunt Honey and Uncle Walter. I was 'in between' Karl and Karin in age. Times together were a lot of fun...I wish there were more. I remember Karl bringing a telescope with him on a visit. Karl was really 'neat' and had a great amount of knowledge to share. As we grew older, we didn't see much of each other as we all had our own lives and families and moved far apart. I was fortunate to see Karl and my cousin Jerry as well as finally meet Cathy and Megan at our Karin's memorial. Although it was a very short visit I am grateful for that time. Rest In Peace Karl. A wonderful life over way too soon. I will always love you; you will always have a special place in my heart. Cathy, Danielle and Megan, you are in my prayers. I pray for strength and comfort for you. God Bless.

May 28 at 4:23 PM

KJ

Kirsten Johnson August 24 at 9:59 AM

Karl, I can't believe you're gone, and I can't tell you how much I miss you. We had grown so close after Karin died - sharing childhood memories, our love of music, even "debating" politics. But what I miss the most are our late night marathon phone calls when neither of us could sleep. I am comforted by the knowledge that you are in Heaven with Mom, Dad, and Karin; please watch over me. I love you K2. Until we meet again, K1 ❤️

HC

Herb Cowart May 30 at 2:35 PM

I first met Karl when I flew to Utah and he was dating my sister. Although she was already a grown and bright young woman, she was and always will be my baby sister. That said I liked Karl from the moment we met. Although being a brilliant young man, he was also a sports fanatic and I truly was happy to see a big color TV in their house, as on my first visit Cathy had a ton of books surrounding her little black and white tv! 😊 I will miss him and know how much he loved and was loved by my baby sister! 🙏❤️🙏



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Karl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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