

Marvin Stanley Koontz

January 7, 1938 - March 10, 2023

Marvin Stanley Koontz, 85, passed away March 10, 2023. He was born January 7, 1938 in Northampton, Pennsylvania to the late Mark and Zenobia (Hall) Kuntz.

Marvin graduated from Northampton High School where he was a star football player, playing multiple positions on the team. He was inducted into the Northampton High School Hall of Fame. Proud to be one of his school's "Konkrete Kids", Marvin loved the fact that his coach said he was the "best player he ever coached". He served as a radar tail gunner on the B-36 "Peacemaker" bomber in the United States Air Force, as part of the Strategic Air Command. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and his Masters in Technology Management from American University in Washington DC.

Marvin began his career as a math teacher and developed the Computer Science Curriculum for Fairfax County Public Schools, one of the first in the country for high school students. He also tutored many students, passionately teaching them the "why" behind math, so they had a good foundation to build on into the future.

Marv loved helping people. He worked with his wife, Shirleyanne, in serving the homeless in Fairfax County and helped her manage the Outreach Center

at Pender United Methodist Church, providing furniture, clothing, and whatever else individuals needed to get off the street and into a home.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Heidi O'Leska and her husband Joseph; sons, Mark Koontz and his wife Shelley; and Keith Koontz. Marvin has one surviving brother, Arnold Kuntz who is 91 years old and still lives in the same house in Northampton in which Marv was born and raised. Shirleyanne Bittle was living next door to that house and saw Marv over her clothesline in his Air Force uniform. That's all it took. Love at first sight.

In addition to his parents, Marvin was predeceased by his wife Shirleyanne Koontz; and his sisters Leonore Kuntz and Gladys Mongilutz.

There will be a Celebration of Marvin's Life in Northern Virginia in May and interment next to his wife at Fairfax Memorial Gardens in Virginia. Details will follow. Memories and condolences may be left online for the family at www.MFHcares.com.

In lieu of flowers, to celebrate Marv's love of helping others, donations can be made to the Compassion in Action Center in Bradenton, Florida - a Christian outreach center providing furniture, clothing and food to those in need, just launched by Joe and Heidi's church, Church of Hope in Sarasota. <https://app.securegive.com/cohope/church-of-hope-main/donate/category> (click on Compassion in Action to donate online securely). Or, checks can be sent to Church of Hope, attention, Compassion in Action, in memory of Marvin Koontz, 2300 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. Sarasota, Florida, 34240.

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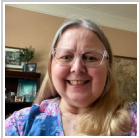
“ My condolences to Heidi and family. I was lucky enough to be a computer science student of Mr. Koontz at Oakton High School. I liked the class so much as a junior that he allowed me to be a class assistant the following year. So I had the fondest memories of this masterful, kind, wonderful man and his teaching brilliance.

Ronald Andreatta - December 28, 2023 at 03:10 PM

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“ My family performed on the piano at the Windsor and Marvin was always in the audience. We loved speaking with him every Sunday afternoon over the last year and he was a light in our lives. Rest in peace, dear Marvin. From the Edoff family.

Larry Edoff - April 03, 2023 at 07:56 AM



“ Heidi, I wanted to express my sympathies on the death of your father. I remember him from when we played together as children. I know it made you happy to have him down in Florida with you and I'm glad you were there for him. Please accept my condolences - Dorothy

Dorothy Yeager - March 18, 2023 at 11:45 AM

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“ When I worked in the Office of Research and Evaluation, one of my main assignments was technology. Because of that I spent a great deal of time in Marv's office. It was clear from the beginning that he was passionate about technology in the classroom and encouraged his team to explore available computer programs and ascertain their value in FCPS. He set the goal and gave his team the support they needed. I was included in this process. I enjoyed my time working with all of them both professionally and personally. Marv loved people, his job, education, and, most importantly God. He was the perfect person for that role at a time of growth. That bedrock of learning, experiments, development, and expansion of technology is his legacy in FCPS.

Cathy Alifrangis - March 16, 2023 at 03:18 PM