



Curtis "Curt" Krieger

July 15, 1952 - July 27, 2019

Curtis (Curt) Krieger passed away, peacefully, surrounded by family on July 27th, 2019. He had celebrated his 67th Birthday with his family the week prior.

A Celebration of Life honoring Curtis will be held 10am Saturday (August 3, 2019) at the Lime Creek Nature Center, 3501 Lime Creek Rd, Mason City, IA.

Curt grew up in Dubuque, Iowa and later attended NIACC, followed by Iowa State, where he graduated with a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife and minors in Chemistry and Ornithology. He worked as an Environmental Protection Agent for the DNR until his retirement in 2010, at which point he became an assistant coach for NIACC Cross Country and Track, which he loved.

Curt was an avid runner logging over 75,000 miles in his lifetime while training for 24 marathons, in addition to the Pike's Peak Ascent and an Ultra Marathon. He completed the Twin Cities Marathon 13 times, running his P.R. of 2:40.01 in 1984. He also won his age group at the national snowshoe championships in 2011 as he pursued his passions in trail racing to limit time on pavement and snowshoeing to stay active in the winter. He ran and raced until his knee required replacement, at which point he continued to log miles hiking and communing with nature on a daily basis.

To say Curt was an outdoor enthusiast is to put it mildly as he was a long-time volunteer at the Lime Creek Nature Center where he was awarded as a "Friend of Lime Creek" in 2015. Curt once made the news when he discovered an endangered wood turtle roaming the grounds and had to run home with his extraordinary bounty in hand to gather photographic evidence (then proceeded to track its whereabouts and reconfirm its existence, multiple times, over the course of a few years.) Most recently he was known to forage mushrooms and was certified to identify morels.

Curt was an amazing father and husband, sharing his passions with his wife (Cathy) and children (Cory and Calynn). Curt and Cathy recently celebrated their 46th wedding

anniversary on May 27th. They enjoyed traveling to see their children and family, trying new restaurants, wine club, trivia night and any excuse to sample a new or limited-edition micro-brew.

Curt is preceded in death by his Father and Mother, Eugene and Ileta Krieger and his brother, Eric Krieger. He is remembered by his wife, Cathy Krieger, his children, Cory and Calynn (Ryan Flynn) Krieger, his brothers Rick, Kevin and Greg Krieger and their families, and his new granddaughter, Eliotte Flynn, whom he drove home from the hospital in New York this past Christmas day.

In honor of Curt, please consider donating to the Lime Creek Nature Center. Checks can be sent to: Lime Creek Nature Center 3501 Lime Creek Rd, Mason City, IA 50401 memo: In Memory of Curt Krieger
or Venmo: @calynnk which will be directed to Lime Creek

Events

AUG **Celebration of Life** 10:00AM

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Lime Creek Nature Center

3501 Lime Creek Rd, Mason City, IA, US, 50401

Comments



“ Curt was such a great human being. We could use a lot more like him. I would often see him out for a run as I walked my dogs along the Winnebago River trail. Invariably, on his return trip he would have one and most often two bags of trash he picked up during his jaunt. That just exemplified what a caring and giving individual he was. I know I carry his spirit within me as I am sure all of his family does. My deepest sympathies.

Dave Bresnahan

David Bresnahan - August 01, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ Curt was a joy to be around. He always had a big smile. He was a fabulous friend. He loved sharing about his love for mushroom hunting. I so enjoyed seeing his posts of flowers & nature in general. He will be missed. Hugs to his family.

Dixie Jellum - August 01, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ Cathy, I am so sorry to hear about the death of your husband Curt. Sending my condolences to all of you.

Linda Graff - August 01, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ 24 files added to the album Curt Photos



Ryan Flynn - July 31, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ We have known Curt and Cathy for 29 years. We met in Maquoketa, Iowa as neighbors when both of our families lived there. They moved back to Mason City and we moved back to Iowa Falls later and reconnected with them. Curt was one of the most interesting people we have ever met. We have enjoyed their friendship and will miss him!

Sue Tichy - July 31, 2019 at 11:39 PM



“ Curt was a great guy. I surely enjoyed working with him. My deepest condolences to his family!!

Phyllis Maskarina - July 31, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ Curt was one of the kindest persons I ever knew.

Cecilia Naughton - July 31, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ Cathy, we were your neighbors across the street on Crestmore Way. I was deeply saddened to learn of Curt's passing. Sending love and strength and prayers. Pam Menken

Pam Menken - August 01, 2019 at 07:07 PM



“ I was honored to know Curt through our work at the DNR. He was so kind and friendly, always of good humor and with a smile to share. My sincerest condolences to the family.

Kate Bason - August 07, 2019 at 03:01 PM