



Kent Virgil Burghard

December 19, 1945 - March 5, 2023

On Friday, March 3, 2023, Kent Virgil Burghard, loving husband and father passed away at the age of 77. Born to Enid and Virgil (Smiley) Burghard in Silverton, Oregon he grew up in Oregon City, graduating from OCHS in 1963. He became a lifelong Beavers fan after graduating from Oregon State University in 1968 with dual Bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Physics. He then continued his education at Purdue University receiving a Masters in Computer Science. Recruited by IBM in 1970 he spent the next 27 years in research and development as an Advisory Programmer with IBM. He met his future wife Chyah Sussman in 1986 as his ACBL Bridge opponent. He became a Bridge life master in 1987. They were married in 1988 and spent 35 years together. After his retirement from IBM in 1997, Kent and Chyah, moved to Memphis, Tenn. to develop a computer program for the American Contract Bridge League to track scoring and rankings of all its members. With the completion of the project he then started a new career in tax consulting and eventually joined the Internal Revenue Service in 2011 working there until his death. He was preceded in death by his parents, Enid and Smiley Burghard. He is survived by his wife Chyah, son Matthew, brother Vance (Wendy) Burghard, Nephew Ryan (Robin) Burghard and Niece Angela (Robin) Smeulders and grand nieces and nephews Gabriel, Miriam, Lilliana and Rosalie. Brother in law David (Marcy) Sussman and Nephews Joey and Benjy. No services are planned, the family asks that you remember Kent in your hearts and prayers.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere sympathy to My cousin Kent's wife and son. May you find comfort in your memories* 🌹

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