



MARVIN V. MIELKE

May 2, 1939 - February 23, 2021

Marvin Victor Mielke, Ph.D. of Coral Gables, FL died on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Vitas Hospice Care at the University of Miami Hospital in Miami, FL. Death was due to an aggressive cancer.

Marvin was born May 2, 1939, the only child of Milton and Alice (Gergs) Mielke, in the rural area of Marshfield, WI. He attended several primary schools in the area and graduated from Marshfield Senior High School in 1957. He received his bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin (Madison), his Ph.D. in Mathematics from Indiana University (Bloomington), and did postgraduate work at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ. He began his career as a mathematics teacher at the University of Miami in 1966, where he remained as a Professor of mathematics until his death.

On Sept. 6, 1969 Marvin and Beverly Jean Sommer were married in Beloit, WI. After their marriage they made their home in Coral Gables, FL. Marvin enjoyed a wide variety of interests including fruit cultivation, genealogy, reading, in addition to thinking and writing about mathematics. As a couple they did extensive traveling to many parts of the world. He also designed and contracted the construction of a second home in LaBelle, FL which was enjoyed by Marv, Bev, family and friends.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, his step- father, many aunts, uncles, cousins and one brother-in- law.

Surviving Marvin are his wife Beverly, four brothers-in-law, Gerald (Sally) Sommer, Richard (Carolyn) Sommer, Douglas (Brigitte) Sommer, Donald (Susan) Sommer, a sister-in-law, Barbara Guetschow, many nieces and nephews, cousins Joan Vockel, Carla (George) Kennedy, Joyce Krall, Roselyn Krupa, Roger (Karen) Krall, Ray (Gloria) Wunrow, Roman Wunrow, and Janet (Gary) Weiler.

Van Orsdel Funeral Chapel of Coral Gables, FL will handle the cremation arrangements.

Marvin asked that his ashes be returned to nature. An online time of remembrance will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be posted at <http://www.VanOrsdel.com>.

Memorial contributions may be given to The Rare Fruit Council International of Miami, FL, the math department of the University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI) or Indiana University (Bloomington, IN) or a charity of your choice.

Comments



“ I was Prof. Mielke's PhD student at University of Miami. He was very kind to all his students. He had a soft and kind personality. He did not teach me just Mathematics but he also taught me how to love everyone regardless of For that I respected him a lot. To show my respect, I dedicated an article on the occasion of his 75th birthday. I wanted that to be a surprise, but it did not turned out to be that way. When I told him that through an email, he replied,
"Hi, Well a surprise exists only the moment that it is revealed, and so I was surprised! (May 2, 1939). I will think about your question.
MM".
I am very sad hearing of his passing. He will be greatly missed.

N. Hosseini 16th of April, 2021

Naser Hosseini - April 16 at 01:54 PM



“ Barbara Guetschow lit a candle in memory of MARVIN V. MIELKE



Barbara Guetschow - March 24 at 06:11 PM



“ We always enjoyed stories of Uncle Marv and Aunt Bev's journeys. My personal favorite is their travel to Africa and his encounters with the gorillas. I remember the guide reminding Marv not to look directly at the male gorilla because he was beginning to feel challenged. We will miss visiting with Marv and his subtle humor. LaBelle will never be the same.
Love, Monti, Emily, Jackson, Ella, Anna, and Piper Sommer

emily sommer - March 23 at 06:21 PM



“ I always admired Marv and Bev for all the amazing adventures they shared together. One great memory I have was going with my family on a road trip to visit Bev and Marv in Florida. I was quite young but will remember Marv giving us a tour of there beautiful property with all the orange trees. Marv was loved and will be missed. RIP uncle Marv.

Michele Guetschow-Wagner - March 20 at 02:49 PM



“ Roselyn Krupa is following this tribute.

Roselyn Krupa - March 18 at 05:01 PM



“ I am Marvin's cousin originally from Marshfield, WI & the daughter of his dad's youngest sister. My childhood memory is he and a friend of his riding their bicycles to my parents farm & then spending the night sleeping in a hay or straw pile outdoors---medieval camping. My mother always prepared tomato soup & grilled cheese sandwiches for lunch, so tomato soup became "Marvin soup". He was 6 yrs older than me. Also, an amazing memory I have is hearing about he & a friends motorcycle trip to the 48 states or almost 48 states after high school graduation. Marvin & Beverly made yearly visits to my mother in Marshfield in her later years & she so enjoyed that. I am proud to be a part of his family, even though we didn't see each other often. Sincere sympathy to Beverly & family. Cousin Roselyn Krupa.

Roselyn Krupa - March 18 at 04:53 PM



“ Marv you were always a kind and soft soul. I will cherish the memories of you and aunt Bev and all your hospitality when we visited. I admired your sense of adventure! May you have eternal peace.



Brenda Hansen - March 14 at 06:45 PM



“ Marv always had a gentle calm personality. I'll always remember how Marv and Bev hauled me around with them for the family reunion in Baltimore. It was always fun to hear of their many travel adventures. He will be missed dearly and may he Rest In Peace.

Barb (Sommer) Guetschow

Barbara Guetschow - March 09 at 02:33 PM



“ For the past 17 years we have been Marv & Bev's neighbors in Labelle, their second home. We shared many Thanksgivings, 4th of July's and Swamp cabbage festivals. Marv, even at age 81 had such a wonderful spirit and was always up for some fun. We were fortunate enough to share in all their travel adventures and all the photos they were willing to take, specially their “glamping” out in the jungles. We were always amazed how he never stressed about travel problems and how he would get as much joy over a small town parade as he did visiting Mt. Everest. We will miss you dearly. Hope you're wearing your favorite robe.
Gisela & Kevin

Gisela Ellsworth - March 03 at 01:37 PM



“ I first met Marvin at IU through other math students John Dyer and Craig Hane in 1963-4. Marvin was interested in driving from Bloomington to Panama, it sounded crazy enough for me to join him on that great adventure. We ended up 35 miles south of the Panama canal where the road petered out before returning. It was an outstanding time and I shall always thank him for inviting me along for the ride there and back. Marvin was one of the great people that you meet from time to time and i shall keep him and beverly in my prayers.

Rodney Harmsworth

rodney - March 03 at 01:17 PM



“ Dr. Marvin Mielke was a dear and beloved professor at the University of Miami. I met Dr. Mielke for the first time in 1998 when I first started working for the Department of Mathematics at UM. He often shared with staff, fruits from the trees which he had planted in his own backyard. He was a reserved and kind man. Dr. Mielke and his wife (Beverly) loved to travel. He would bring back postcards from places he visited and tell me a story about the animal on the postcard and/or the country they had visited. In the Department of Mathematics we would have events for the undergraduate and graduate students at the end of the year. Dr. Mielke was one of the first to arrive. I have included a picture of Dr. Mielke enjoying some of the treats at one of the events. He will be sorely missed and I thank him for his friendship and kindness during all those years.



Dania Puerto - March 02 at 03:11 PM



“ We met Marvin and Beverly in 1970 when Venu, my husband joined the faculty at the University of Miami. We have so many fond memories of Marvin and Beverly. Marvin and Venu shared not only mathematics but, they shared great interest in planting and caring for rare fruit trees. And Marvin helped Venu in so many projects around the house and garden...which included many trips to special nurseries. Since we moved to Ohio in 1979, Marvin and Beverly visited us several times either on their way to Wisconsin or on the way back to Miami. While visiting also he would help us on several little projects. We will always cherish the good memories and will miss the kind, gentle and unassuming ways of Marvin. As we say good bye to our dear friend, we pray that his gentle soul rests in everlasting peace. God bless!
Savithri Gopalkrishna

Savithri Gopalkrishna - March 01 at 07:43 PM



“ I have gotten the great privilege of helping plan some of Marvin and Beverly's travel adventures, and I always loved speaking with Marvin and am in awe of their adventurous spirits! They would trek into jungles, and explore some of the most remote corners of the earth with the energy of someone in their 20's! His love for Beverly was apparent when he would speak of her. Truly a remarkable man and couple. I am so sad to hear of his passing but he has inspired me in many ways.

- Suzie Masters

Suzie Masters - March 01 at 05:32 PM



“ This is Rich, a brother in-law of Marv. We live in Stevens Point, Wis and Marv and Bev usually stopped on their annual northern trip. I always enjoyed the conversations with his sharp mind and great insights. We had a chance to visit both of their homes in Florida. When his fruit grove was at its best and we sampled oranges from around the world. Marv always had a plan and worked to achieve the plan. Once he quoted a Roman Senator. "Get your garden established and then build your house. I was able to visit their beloved house on the river in Florida. It was great seeing his several year plan. He had a place to park his fancy red sports car. Yes, Marv and Bev were world travelers. I think they followed the paths of Marco Polo, the Vikings, and the American explorers, and maybe Dr. Livingston in Africa. His pictures of Mongolia and the African antelopes were exceptional. I enjoyed the time I knew him and he will be missed.

Rich Sommer

Rich Sommer - March 01 at 11:05 AM



“ I will remember all the good times. We were cousins but he was like a brother to me. All the good times we had together over the years. We were miles apart but got together. We always enjoyed. The swamp cabbage festival in Labella we will miss you dearly

Gary and Janet Weiler

Janet weiler - February 28 at 07:31 PM



“ Beverly, you and Marvin have remained in our prayers since you and Rita Werth first notified us of Marvin's closing in on his Transition to New Life. We now lift you both of to the love of the Divine and pray that Marvin Rest In Peace.
Harry Vedder and Trixi

Harry (Myrlin) Vedder - February 28 at 06:23 PM



“ Hi Marv Fans. Marv and I were great friends, fellow grad students, and roommates at I.U. in 1964-5, the year he got his Ph.D. I have so much to share that I just created a Youtube video for you. It is Unlisted, but you can share it with anyone you like. You also can contact me if you like at my website: CraigHane.com Here's my 25 minute Eulogy to Marv:

<https://youtu.be/BY3BNFtwggk> Best wishes to you all.

Craig Hane - February 28 at 05:55 PM



“ Bev, we are with you during this difficult time, Hugo and I are a phone call away my friend...Each time I'd call the house to speak to Beverly, Marvin would always answer the phone. We never met, but we'd talk on the phone...I called them "The Globe Trotters", because they really did enjoy traveling. A life well lived. We pray peace and consolation for the Mielkes...

Gladys & Hugo Fuentes - February 26 at 11:12 PM



“ I remember Marvin from when I was a young boy growing up outside of Marshfield, Wisc.. He was six years older then me but I do remember when he and my sister Beverly were dating. After I retired and settled in Florida we reconnected at their home in LaBelle, Fl.. I would visit them often or at the least once a year during the Swamp Cabbage Festival in LaBelle. We had many great conversations about friends, family, mathematics and life in general. I will miss those visits. Our spirits may meet again some time in the future at the "Great Beyond". Marvin I hope you are resting in peace now!

Your Brother-in Law,
Douglas Sommer

Douglas Sommer - February 26 at 07:58 PM



“ Marvin and I grew up together from the time we were about 7 or 8 years old. Across the street from each other. Bobbie Hoffman next to Marvin. We were the 3 amigos. I considered Marvin my lifelong friend. We managed to stay in touch with each other these past 75 years, seeing each other on occasion. We sometimes reminisced with some of the little tidbits of life.

Chasing butterflies together Marv. I'll watch out for that log next time. I will miss you dearly.

Harry

Harold M Rogers - February 26 at 08:21 AM