



## Kent James Frederick

August 9, 2025

ON AUGUST 9, 2025, KENT JAMES FREDERICK, OUR BELOVED HUSBAND, FATHER, SON, CO-WORKER, AND BEST FRIEND, WHILE IN GREECE AT HIS FAMILY VACATION HOME, TOOK A LEISURELY SWIM IN THE GULF OF CORINTH, SAT IN A COMFORTABLE BEACH CHAIR WITH THE LATEST HISTORY BOOK HE WAS READING, AND PASSED AWAY QUIETLY.

KENT WAS BORN IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 7, 1962, TO JAMES AND EURLA FREDERICK, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HIS FIRST OF MANY TRAVELS BEGAN WHEN HIS FAMILY MOVED TO ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND, HIS TRUE CHILDHOOD HOME. AN ONLY CHILD IN FACT, BUT NOT IN SPIRIT, KENT BEGAN HIS LIFELONG ACCUMULATION OF BEST FRIENDS THROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL IN ELLICOTT CITY, FORGING FRIENDSHIPS THAT WOULD LAST BETTER THAN 50 YEARS. HIS FRIENDS ULTIMATELY BECAME THE SIBLINGS HE NEVER HAD.

IN 1982, KENT'S NEXT TRIP WAS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 1986 WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, ADDED ANOTHER CADRE OF COLLEGE FRIENDS WHO WOULD JOIN THE GROWING FREDERICK FAMILY. IN 1986, KENT RETURNED TO MARYLAND, ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

SCHOOL OF LAW AND GRADUATED IN 1989.

KENT EMBARKED ON WHAT WOULD BECOME A REMARKABLE, HIGHLY DECORATED 37-YEAR CAREER WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FIRST WITH THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, THEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, UPON ITS CREATION AFTER 9/11. KENT WAS THE CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE PHILADELPHIA CHIEF COUNSEL'S OFFICE FOR OVER 30 YEARS, BUILDING AND OVERSEEING A STAFF THAT GREW FROM ONE ATTORNEY TO MORE THAN THIRTY, WITH OFFICES IN PHILADELPHIA AND YORK, AND AN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDING PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, AND WEST VIRGINIA. UPON HIS RETIREMENT IN JUNE, HE WAS THE LONGEST-TENURED CHIEF COUNSEL IN THE COUNTRY, AND REVERED FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO HIS STAFF AND TO THE MISSION OF PROTECTING THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHILE HIS TIME WITH US WAS FAR TOO SHORT, KENT SQUEEZED EVERY POSSIBLE DROP HE COULD FROM LIFE. A VORACIOUS READER AND STUDENT OF HISTORY, HIS EDUCATION WAS A LIFELONG ENDEAVOR. HE WAS AN AVID TRAVELER, VISITING COUNTLESS COUNTRIES (LITERALLY, WE LOST COUNT) ON FOOT, BICYCLE, CAR, TAXI, TRAIN, AND BOAT. THE COUNTRY OF GERMANY, IN PARTICULAR, IS CERTAINLY RAISING A STEIN IN KENT'S MEMORY. KENT WAS A MASTER CRAFTSMAN AND LOVED RESTORING AND RESIDING IN HISTORIC HOUSES, INSISTING ON DOING VIRTUALLY ALL THE WORK HIMSELF, ALTHOUGH HE WAS ONCE ABLE TO PERSUADE HIS FRIENDS TO HELP HIM BUILD A WAY TOO LONG WOODEN POST AND BEAM FENCE, LIKE A MODERN DAY TOM SAWYER. WHILE A SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION IN RECENT YEARS, HIS LOVE FOR THE ORIOLES NEVER FADED, AND HE MADE A POINT OF GETTING TO AS

MANY GAMES AS HE COULD EVERY SUMMER, USUALLY GRABBING DINNER AT TIO PEPE WHEN IN TOWN.

KENT WAS PREDECEASED BY HIS FATHER, JAMES FREDERICK, AND KENT'S DEVOTION TO HIS FAMILY WAS EVIDENT IN HIS LOVING, DAILY CARE OF HIS DEVOTED MOM, EURLA, FOR DECADES, AND FOR WHOM KENT THREW A HEARTWARMING PARTY TO CELEBRATE HER 100TH BIRTHDAY EARLIER THIS SPRING. KENT IS SURVIVED BY EURLA AND THE JOYS OF HIS LIFE, HIS LOVING WIFE OF 26 YEARS, TRACI (NEE ROZELLE), THEIR TWO ADORING AND WONDERFUL CHILDREN, BLAIR AND HAYDN, AND AN ARRAY OF CLOSE FRIENDS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES KENT'S EXTENDED FAMILY.

DETAILS CONCERNING A LIFE CELEBRATION WILL BE SHARED WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

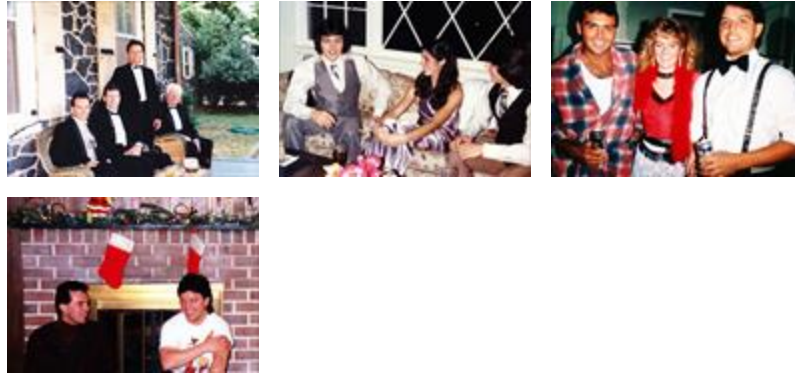
DONATIONS IN KENT'S MEMORY CAN BE MADE TO THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 96011, WASHINGTON, DC 20090-6011.

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“ 4 files added to the album *FRIENDS*



Martin Muldoon - August 25, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album *FRIENDS*

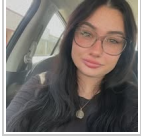


Marty - August 25, 2025 at 08:33 PM

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*Marty, Joe, Brad, Jack, Kent*

Martin Muldoon - August 26, 2025 at 12:37 AM



“ Thank you for being you, friend. You couldn't have left us more peacefully. I'll always look after mom for you until it's your turn again. Rest easy, Kent. Missing you always. And to the family, please reach out if you need ANYTHING! I'm so deeply sorry for your loss.



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**Missy Stowe** - August 24, 2025 at 09:26 AM

PJ

*Kent the gentleman , friend who won't be forgotten by all who were blessed to have known him. My thoughts and prayers to his family. God bless , Philip Johnson*

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**Philip Johnson** - September 18, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MB

*I was looking for information on Eurla and found this horrible news about Kent. Kent would spend 2-weeks every summer at his Grandma's house (Ed and Hilda) in Glenshaw (Pittsburgh), PA. Ed and Hilda were my great Aunt and Uncle as one was on the Frederick side and one was the Haas side. And his parents Jim and Eurla; Jim was first cousin to my mother and Eurla first cousin to my dad. Our families kept in touch from afar, and we were glad to hear Kent was doing well and had made a family. : footnote - my dad was so appreciative that Kent and Eurla went to Margraten Cemetery to find their Uncle Joseph L. Meyer, who never came home from WWII, that was a big moment for the Meyer and Beyerl Families and gave them closure.*

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**Mark B Beyerl** - February 24 at 07:57 AM

CN

*So sorry to learn this sad news of Kent's passing. I was looking for cousin Eurla's address because her birthday is in April. My sympathy to his family and many friends. Carol (Meyer) Nagg*

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**Carol Nagg** - April 13 at 09:49 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album *FRIENDS*



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**Marty** - August 23, 2025 at 02:26 PM

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“ Mike & Jane x planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kent James Frederick.

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**Mike & Jane x** - August 21, 2025 at 04:08 PM

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“ Mike & Jane x purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Kent James Frederick.



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**Mike & Jane x** - August 21, 2025 at 04:08 PM

SM

“ Kent was such a bright spot among our friend group at Delaware. Always smiling, ready with a joke and a laugh. It was always fun when he came around the dorms or to a party at Paper Mill. Cheers to a great man. Like Gal--- gone way too soon.

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**Sue McGinnis** - August 21, 2025 at 11:30 AM