



Mr Palle Stig Christensen

April 26, 2017

Palle Stig Christensen, age 84 passed away at home on April 26, 2017. He was born on February 8, 1933 in Denmark to the late Svend Aage Peter Jakob Christensen and Andrea Kamilla Gudrun Pedersen. Palle was a resident of Fairhope, AL and spent many years living in various locations on the East and West Coasts including several locations in New England, Pennsylvania and Rock Hall, MD. Over many occasions he referred to Rock Hall as the “Center of the Universe”. This beloved Chesapeake Bay residence was a place where Palle loved to watch the sun set. He also resided in several overseas locations including Ottawa, Canada and Ankara, Turkey. Palle is survived by his two daughters, Janette Siebs and Susanne (Rick) Ortmann; 4 grandchildren (August and Erik Siebs and Hanna and Christian Ortmann) and his beloved “lady of house” of 17 years, Faith George, and her children, Shannon (Richard) and their children (Kelley and Cody Meyers) and Ryan (Julie) and their daughter Shelly, Broadbent.

Palle’s life began in Copenhagen living with his parents, a machinist and maid. He earned a degree in electrical engineering at the University of Copenhagen and served in the Royal Danish Navy. He met the mother of his children, Inger Christensen, at a local dance academy. A Viking at heart, Palle dreamt of larger than life adventures and struck out on his own when he was young, living simply, like a vagabond, working to eat and sleeping under boats.

His confidence and sense of adventure drove Palle as a young man, enabling

him to look for new opportunities abroad. He hopped on a plane for Canada, and arriving with only a few dollars in his pocket, a bag of books and a few phone numbers for potential employers, he had gainful employment in only a few hours after arrival.

This story exemplifies how Palle lived life... a larger than life individual who sought out opportunities to travel, progress professionally, and experience life's ups and downs. Never balking at a challenge he built three of his own homes, built his first boat, the "Lollipop", from scratch and refurbished his 48 ft. Cheoy Lee, living on it in So. SF Bay for several years.

His love of travel took Palle all over the world personally and professionally. He always returned with stories of natural marvels and locals, thriving on the new sights and sounds along the way. He sailed down the InterCoastal Waterway, raced to Bermuda and spent years on the Chesapeake Bay. Palle was most proud of his race trip to Tahiti. He also brought his young family to the Middle East to make sure his kids experienced another culture while advancing his career.

Professionally, Palle was an ambitious individual, beginning his career in electrical engineering with Raytheon, then Philco Ford and finally with the Aydin Corporation. He developed state of the art radios, published a technical paper and by the end of his career was managing three divisions of the Aydin Corporation. One of his major accomplishments professionally was the GRC 222 military contract that he managed to win.

The last years of his life were spent in his new southern home, Fairhope, AL, where he appreciated the genteel South, meeting many wonderful new friends and sharing a lifetime of his experiences with them.

Please check this website for future events planned to celebrate Palle's life. Celebration of Life Saturday July 22 ,2017 Fairhope Yacht Club at 5PM until 8PM.

In lieu of flowers the family of Palle Christensen wishes for check or cash

donations to be made in Palle Christensen's name to:

The Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation

29653 Anchor Cross Blvd.

Suite B-101

Daphne, AL 36526

OR for online donations via PayPal

Please visit the website www.anchorcrossfoundation.org, and click the donate tab .

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Domenico & Paola PICCOLO BRUNELLI purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mr Palle Stig Christensen .*



Domenico & Paola PICCOLO BRUNELLI - July 11, 2017 at 09:11 AM



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Maracuja Doce - May 12, 2017 at 04:33 PM

SO

Wonderful photo. Thank you for sharing!

susanne ortmann - May 13, 2017 at 12:46 PM

MR

“ *Palle was always so warm and charming to be around. The last time I saw him was at the Lake Forest Yacht Club when I joined him and Faith and friends for dinner. He announced they were there because it was "my night to cook". My deepest sympathy to Faith and his family.*

Maureen Ralston

Maureen Ralston - May 02, 2017 at 07:51 PM

JS

That sounds just like my father Naureen. Thank you. Your memory brought me a smile

Janette Siebs - May 03, 2017 at 07:05 PM

DP

Palle and Faith were such a significant part of my life experience, that can only be described as life altering. We vacationed together in Kenya and Tanzania, having a wonderful time, when my husband had an accident and passed away. They were my compass. Lending support and advice the entire time. They could have finished the trip on time and left as planned, but selflessly stayed until all affairs were handled, and I could return too.

My appreciation for them will be forever unwavering. I'm so sorry that Palle has left us. He was intense, charming, and a true force of nature, in stature and personality. I am richer for having known Palle. My condolences to Faith and his family.

Donna Pond - May 08, 2017 at 10:10 AM

SO

He talked about this trip many times as a once in a lifetime experience..from the amazing flora and fauna, to the accommodations and finally to his wonderful traveling companions. He found great joy in sharing his travels with others.I'm so glad he provided support during your time of need. He was a man like no other and will ALWAYS remain in our hearts. Thank you Donna!

susanne ortmann - May 09, 2017 at 10:31 PM

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Janette Siebs - May 01, 2017 at 07:01 PM

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Janette Siebs - May 01, 2017 at 01:40 AM

HA

“Palle had a significant impact on our small family of three (Halil (Hal), my wife Engin and daughter Selin). From the first time we met in Ankara at Makyal offices in mid seventies to our last visits around 2008 timeframe in Fairhope AL, we called each other "Abi" (meaning "bro" in Turkish). We always enjoyed each other's company especially with Faith and my wife Engin around. News of Palle's passing broke our hearts today! His simplifying -but not so simple- life philosophy stays with me. *Nolacak simdi abi?* (What is going to happen now bro?) in Turkish, was one of his common expressions to me and Engin! Palle believed that drinking water made the iron in his blood rust! He was fun to be around...

After about 3 years of strong collaboration and trips in the harder to reach military airbases in Turkey (driving through frozen, extremely dangerous roads and mountain-sides) Palle (and A. Hakimoglu) gave my family the opportunity to move to US in 1978. This was the big impact I have mentioned. Since then we have worked close, later in life, stayed close as friends.

Engin and I will miss and always remember Palle. My now grown-up daughter Selin may still have some of the "hand-me-down" dolls from Susanne and Jannette since 1978. Engin and Susanne still remember the boat tours on the Chesapeake when Engin was scolded at by Palle for her bikini!

I believe, last 15-20 years, Faith made life easier, softer and more fun for Palle. (She surprised him with a 75th year birthday party in Fairhope which made him really happy! Don Mahoney, Engin and I were the surprise attendees from afar.) We visited with them on occasion and stayed in their hand-built three-story house. Palle came, on occasion, to FL and stayed with us, enjoyed his pipe and wine with us. We will miss Palle dearly!

Hal Altan - April 30, 2017 at 11:44 PM

JS

Thank you Halil Bey. Marvelous memories and yes I think dad's final years were softer

Janette Siebs - May 01, 2017 at 07:05 PM

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susanne ortmann - April 30, 2017 at 08:11 PM

FG

The picture of me, sitting on a pic-nic table was taken during a fabulous 2 month trip Palle and I took to Europe early in our relationship. When we set out on that trip, we had 2, 1 night reservations---we were "bummin around". He taught me about ADVENTURE---I learned on that trip that there would be times that I may not know where I was, but I was never lost!! I MISS HIM SO MUCH!!

Faith George - May 04, 2017 at 08:07 AM

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susanne ortmann - April 30, 2017 at 08:09 PM

KO

“ I first met Mr. Palle Christensen back in the late 70s when he was working in Turkey. I was just a HS student, and good friends to his wonderful daughters, Janette and Susanne. Though a serious man, he knew how to live life his way. I will remember his great laugh, smile, and zest for life. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. Thank you, Mr. Christensen, for always being you. May you Rest In Peace and find the seas above perfect for sailing.

kismet oettinger - April 30, 2017 at 01:27 AM

SO

Thank you Kismet. He did live his life with zest!

susanne ortmann - May 05, 2017 at 05:36 AM

JU

“ My family and I met Palle about 15 years ago when he and Faith met for the first time. Over the years we have enjoyed spending time with Palle and hearing of his adventures and travels to worldly places. He was talented at so many things and if he didn't know how to build or fix something he quickly learned. We will miss his good humor and wisdom. To his family and Faith, we are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do during this difficult time please let us know.
Sending our love, Julie Ryan and Shelly Broadbent

Julie - April 28, 2017 at 01:07 PM

SO

Thanks for the wonderful thoughts! I miss his humor and view of life!

susanne ortmann - May 05, 2017 at 05:38 AM