

Kaj Kristensen, 88, passed away peacefully at Aegis in Corte Madera, on Thursday, September 17, 2020. Kaj was born on November 20, 1931, in Svenborg, Denmark, the son of Lauritz and Ellen Kristensen. He was predeceased by his sister Anna Lisa. Surviving in addition to his wife, Eva Kristensen, are his son Wolfgang and his wife, Josiane, and his grandchildren, Ashley, Ryan and Karina.

Kaj left Svenborg in 1945 and became a Merchant Marine serving for the Sailors of the Pacific and spent 37 years at sea then became a Business Agent for the Sailor's Union in San Francisco. He loved the sea. He loved to travel and as such has been to all five continents of the world.

When serving for the US army, Kaj met Eva in 1954 in Frankfurt, Germany, when he was free one night and went to a nightclub to dance. He thought she was a very good dancer. They fell in love immediately and got married shortly thereafter. They were happily married for 66 years.

Kaj was a wonderful husband, father, father in law and grandfather. He was a great friend to all his friends. And those, he had a lot of. Everyone loved Kaj and sought his company all the time. He had a knack for making people immediately feel comfortable and always had wonderful and often funny stories to tell. Through his travels, he learned so much and experienced so many different cultures, which made him even more interesting than he already was. Kaj will be missed very thoroughly by his family and friends.

Sadly, due to COVID, there will not be any services held for Kaj. Rather, to honor Kaj's wishes, he will be cremated and his ashes spread at Kirby Cove under the Golden Gate Bridge where many past sailors have rested their ashes.

Rather than send flowers to the family, donations can be made to Danish Society Dania of California and Nevada where Kaj was a past President. Education was important to Kaj, therefore the donations can be made to Dania Memorial Scholarship Fund. These donations may be sent to Tim Heer, Grand Secretary, 487 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060-7005.