

Finn Peter Kjaer



Finn Peter Kjaer passed away on November 5, 2021 at the age of 78, due to a massive heart attack in Florence, OR. He leaves behind his loving wife, Jeannie of Florence, OR, after 34 years of companionship and marriage.

Finn was born as the youngest of eight on September 2, 1943 to Kristen and Agnate Birgitte Kjaer, in Hadsund, Denmark. He graduated high school with high honors in Denmark at age 14, as Denmark had year round schooling. He wished to continue in college, however his father, who was a farmer, wanted him to follow his steps.

At the age of 15, in 1958, Finn became a Merchant Marine and left Denmark to travel the world. At age 23, in 1966, Finn was sponsored by older brother Henning Kjaer, already a US citizen, to obtain a green card in New York. Finn was soon drafted into the Navy and served in Viet Nam from December 2, 1966 to

February 16, 1968, on a Military Sea Transport Ship shuttling military supplies to Viet Nam.

Finn relocated to San Francisco, CA in 1970. He married and attended night school to learn English and became a US Citizen on August 15, 1972. He remained in California until 1997. He was a 25-year Laborer Foreman in the California Bay Area, and retired in 1996 at age 53.

Finn became an Oregon resident in 1997 and traveled monthly with Jeannie for 21 years between Jeannie's ranch in California, and their two properties in Florence and Mapleton, OR.

Finn was predeceased by his first wife Ruth. He is survived by wife Jeannie of Florence, Oregon, daughter Kristine Stultz of Sparks, Nevada, son Erik Kjaer of Sebastopol, California. He leaves five grandchildren, Ahnicka and lyla Kjaer, and Doug, Konner and Kordell Stultz.

Finn was an avid fisherman and hunter. He had a quick wit, and a great sense of humor. He loved most people, especially children and animals. He was known as a person who would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. He was a longtime member of two Danish groups, Sonderjylland #10 and Danish Soldiers Club in Petaluma. He belonged to the Accordion Club of the Redwoods in Santa Rosa, CA, and also a member of Florence Elks, Waldport Moose Lodge, and American Legion.

After retirement, Finn and Jeannie were fortunate to travel the world extensively on cruises, air travel, and driving, with many trips back to Denmark to visit family, and Alaska, where Jeannie was raised.

Rest in Peace Finn, you will be missed by many. Donations to ASPCA are appreciated in lieu of all else.