



Gregory R. Kasten

March 6, 1949 - November 17, 2024

Gregory (Gregg) Rae Kasten, age 75, passed away peacefully at home, on November 17, 2024.

Gregg was born in 1949 to the late Donald Charles Kasten and Jean Evelyn Avery. He lived his formative years in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. He attended Holy Cross Catholic School and Kaukauna High School. During high school, Gregg managed the basketball and football teams, for three years and one year respectively. He also belonged to the radio club for three years.

Gregg married Judith Roesch in 1970, and they had one daughter, Heather. Subsequently, he remarried Mary Alger from Kaukauna, and they made their home in Pearce, Arizona, where Mary currently resides.

During his early years Gregg worked in Madison, Wisconsin and San Francisco, California. In his later years he worked on the Norwegian cruise line's Royal Viking Star, where he traveled much of the globe over many years. This was followed by employment in the trades and real estate in Arizona.

Gregg is predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his daughter, Heather Kasten (George Dolle) and Granddaughter Emma J. Roberson, of Salt Lake City, Utah; and his brother, Dennis Kasten, of Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts.

Additional survivors include first cousins Mickie Sullivan, Maureen Sullivan, Colleen Malkowski, and Daniel Sullivan Jr.

At Gregg's request, there will be no formal burial services. Cremation was handled by Westlawn Chapel and Mortuary Services of Willcox, Arizona. Friends and family may view options for remembrance on their website: www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Gregory when he lived in San Francisco and owned a store just off Union Street called Heads Up. It was a high-end shop, what was then known as a head shop, and it drew people who appreciated quality merchandise, unusual accessories, and rare, beautifully designed items that captured the counterculture spirit of San Francisco at the time. For a while, he had a partner, a woman named Patty Larson, I believe. His customers included some of the most well-known and influential people in the Bay Area during those years.

That was when Greg and I became friends, and we stayed friends for many years. After he closed the store, he returned to his earlier work with Royal Viking Lines and eventually became the ship's Provision Master. He traveled all over the world, though San Francisco remained his home base. When he was off the ship, he often traveled to see friends, and more often than not he ended up at my house. He would stay with me at the beginning and end of most of his voyages, usually for a few weeks at a time.

After he moved to Arizona, I never saw him again, but we stayed in touch until about fifteen years ago. I was deeply sorry to hear that he died. I remember Greg as a worldly, interesting, and generous friend whose life took him in many directions, but who never forgot the people who were part of his journey. I am grateful for the time we shared and for the friendship we had..

Steve Greene - March 25 at 02:49 PM

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“ Peggy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Gregory Kasten



Peggy Jackson - April 22, 2025 at 10:06 PM