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Kenneth “Kent” Van Sommers, 57 passed away Friday August 1st in metropolitan Charleston, South Carolina after a 4-year battle with glioblastoma brain cancer. Born in Lakewood, Ohio to the parents of Art and Jan Sommers, Williamsburg, Va. Kent, raised as an only child and son of a US Military Officer, led a nomadic life style. By the time he was age 18 he had already moved in and out of 14 homes, lived in Taiwan, Germany and 6 states in the USA.

Growing up he was always helpful and thoughtful of others and often was a rascal. He loved exploring new adventures and making new friends where ever he lived, traveled, or visited. He was a Cub Scout in the USA and while living in Taiwan, which made for some interesting outings! He played softball, football, pickle ball, and soccer (his favorite). He enjoyed swimming, biking, hiking, and ‘volksmarching’! He was an altar boy and enjoyed vacation bible school, always working to polish his halo!

Kent was a 1986 graduate of Robinson High School, Fairfax, Va. He jumped started his career by being an honor graduate of The Computer Learning Center, Software Development trade school located in Fairfax, Va. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science from Strayer, College. Worked toward his Masters but fell in love and the Masters stalled.

Kent’s income jobs began young as a yard boy, dog walker, child sitting (not babies), paper boy (this he really built up BIG), worked at Hechinger’s Lumber, delivered Domino’s pizza, manager of a store for Dominos, Fairfax Recreation Center Employee where he received the experience of being the ‘ground’ for a lightning strike one stormy evening.

In his adult years he became known as ‘Superman’; a man full of hope and strength! No matter the issue or problem, he would tackle and solve quickly. He was a carpenter, plumber, and electrician around home. As a very proud father of 4-daughters you could find him entertaining or being entertained with the joy of his 4-Girls. Many playground visits, park walking, soccer practice/games/coaching, t-ball games, having ‘tea’ with his little ladies, reading good books



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together. In Kent's last workplace BES Technology, for almost eleven years, he never left a problem unsolved or allowed a bureaucratic roadblock stop him from success. He was a caring workmate and mentor to many of his colleagues.

Those who can no longer see you with their eyes, nor touch your hands, but WILL feel you with their heart is his wife, Dena Fox Sommers of metro Charleston, South Carolina area; 4 daughters, Tylar Sommers Joppich (David) of Fairfax, Va. Jordan Ashley Shefey (Jonny) of South Riding, Va. Aberley Fox Sommers and Annalyse Fox Sommers of metro Charleston, South Carolina; 2 grandchildren, Juliana, and Jameson Sherfey; and parents, Art and Jan Sommers of Williamsburg, Va. And many friends and extended family.

Kent's life was a blessing to many and he will be forever remembered and forever missed.

A Celebration of Kents Life will be held on Saturday September 13, 2025 at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175. Public may arrive for visitation at 2pm. A Memorial service begins at 3pm followed by a reception. Please dress comfortably and cheerful. You may also view the Memorial Service online here beginning at 2:45pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to:

Cornerstone Chapel, 650 Battlefield Parkway, Leesburg, Va. 20175 to be used to help those in need. Cornerstone Chapel was deeply instrumental in Kent's spiritual journey—even to the very end—and the generosity in his memory would continue that legacy of faith and compassion.

Or

Glioblastoma Foundation at www.glioblastomafoundation.org who are working to transform glioblastoma therapy using Genomic Testing.

Please share online condolences and your favorite Kent memory or story with the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com



Memorial Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 13, 2025


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175

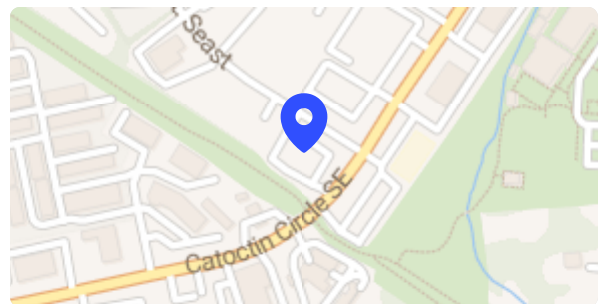


Celebration of Life

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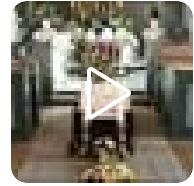


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Loudoun Funeral Chapels shared a **Webcast Video**.



August 19 at 6:52 AM

BW

Brenda Weisenberger posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Kent! He was great to work with at work and will be missed! I just thought he would surely survive the battle. My condolences to the family and will keep everyone in my prayers! Brenda Weisenberger

December 2 at 4:56 PM

PG

Pamela Gooden posted:

I've only known Kent for a short time, but he made quite an impression. He always had a story to tell about his life experiences, which attest to his true joy for living. Kent demonstrated he was not a quitter, but God decided it was time to let him rest. To his family, who he truly loved and was very proud of, my deepest condolences for your loss. Be strong as Kent was, and continue to honor him. Sincerely, Pam Gooden

September 13 at 7:36 AM

AB

Annie Brodeur posted:

Art and Jan and family. I'm so sorry for the loss of your son Kent. I'm thinking of you and sending my love. Art, I will forever be grateful for you...you were wonderful to work with and you always made everyone feel special. I wish you and Jan that same feeling you give to everyone you meet. Take good care. Annie Brodeur

August 25 at 10:02 AM

LS

Lucy Schleibaum posted:

As a teen, Kent was our paperboy. He lived in our Cul de sac. He was a happy boy with the kindest smile. He was so dependable. Kent never missed a day at that job. As time went on, Jan, his mom, and I would chat about how he was doing. He produced 2 beautiful and talented girls and later on 2 other wonderful girls. Unfortunately, he eventually received the brain cancer diagnosis. He fought this bravely. He was a dedicated father and husband. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Lucy Schleibaum

August 23 at 10:13 PM



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Jan Sommers shared 3 photos to the **Growing Up** album.

August 22 at 7:45 AM





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Jeff Long September 13 at 5:16 PM

It was wonderful to hear memories at the memorial service of Kent from other times of his life. His coworkers heard some of these stories with a different perspective. Although I only knew Kent during his battle with cancer, we had a meaningful relationship and we will continue to keep his memory alive. On behalf of the last team Kent worked on in his career, I offer our condolences. He is missed.



Greg Battle September 12 at 3:03 AM

To the Family & Friends, "I'm so deeply saddened by the loss of Kenneth. My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a wonderful person, and "Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Kenneth was a remarkable man, and his love and guidance will continue to be felt by all who knew him. The Battle Family



Linda Osborne August 25 at 4:50 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Miss you guys, Love Linda Osborne and Jeff Morgan.



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Meeting Mickey



High School Grad Prom



First Soccer Season Annadale



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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