



Rud Vincent Moe

October 6, 1944 - July 17, 2024

Rud V. Moe, 79, passed away on July 17, 2024. Rud was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and known for his intellect and passion for science, justice and music. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Catholic University and his master's in Applied Science from the John Hopkins University. He worked for a variety of communications and aerospace companies before joining the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland where he met his future wife, Karen.

Rud retired after 28 years of service to NASA. He had a distinguished career serving as Systems Manager and Shuttle Interfaces Manager for the Satellite Servicing Project at Goddard. He lead satellite servicing studies for the NASA Office of Space Flight, culminating in his role as the Hubble Space Telescope Servicing Mission Manager for the first four servicing missions. His Hubble work was recognized with the NASA Exceptional Service Medal. Rud also served as Systems Manager for Assembly and Servicing Systems in the Exploration and Operations Flight Systems Project, a think tank role for future space assets including very large telescopes and communication nodes for interplanetary projects. Rud always said "It's a fun job, but somebody's got to do it!"

Rud was a self-taught guitar player and had a talent for music. After a summer visiting relatives in Denmark in 1970 Rud moved to Maryland. Influenced by his bagpiper relative Jim Welsh, Rud joined the St. Andrew's Society of Washington DC to play the bass drum in parades and the Tartan Ball. At the urging of his young son, the two became Black Belts in Taekwondo. Rud kept up an active family life and enjoyed community volunteer work clearing invasive plants and building trails in local parks and gardens.

Rud was preceded in death by his parents, Rud and Alice (Reilly) Moe, and 5 sisters and spouses: Mary Alice (Elmer), Sigrid (Jim), Jeanette (Tim), Peggy (Jerry) and Kirsten (Ace). He is survived by his wife of 48 years Karen Lamb Moe, son Rud L. Moe, daughter-in-law April Chiu, brother Tom Reilly Moe, and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cheverly Village (<https://cheverlyvillage.helpfulvillage.com/>)

Celebration of Life Service - Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 1:00 PM
Maryland Eckankar Center
1738 Elton Rd # 104, Silver Spring, MD 20903
Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Graveside Service - Harrisburg PA
Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Resurrection Cemetery
116 S Oak Grove Rd, West Hanover Township PA 17112
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, United States

Tribute Wall

RK

“ Karen,\n Our deepest sympathy - learned of Rud's passing at my high school reunion this afternoon - had been expecting to see you both there like we've done in the past. I'll always remember Rud's enthusiasm, no matter what the subject.\n Our high school history teacher(who had taught Rud's many older siblings and was meeting Rud for the 1st time): and after Rud, there ain't no mo'e\n Ron(McDevitt '62) and Natalie(Catholic U '66) Krupka

Ron Krupka - September 14, 2024 at 09:16 PM

AN

“ In honor of Rud Moe From Jonathan Auerbach and Marijean Berry

Anonymous - August 25, 2024 at 01:25 PM

MD

“ This past month I've spent a lot of time reflecting on life and loss. Rud Sr. had a significant impact on my growth as a young man. When I was a boy I wanted to be a NASA scientist and when I look back on this my memories are rooted in talking to Rud Sr. and my dad about space. Our Satsang helped me develop my core beliefs and shaped me into who I am today. Rud Sr. guided us with wisdom and grace.\n\nI am so sorry for you loss and am sending love to your family.\n\nMatthew Davis-

Matthew Davis - August 25, 2024 at 11:36 AM

DW

“ My condolences to Karen and Family

Dennis Webster - August 23, 2024 at 08:32 AM

FN

“ Dear Karen and Young Rud. Heartfelt condolences and much love to you. May the blessings be.

Faith Nelson - August 19, 2024 at 10:53 PM

AG

“ Sent with love and remembrance,

Agunyego - August 19, 2024 at 06:05 PM

BA

“ Dear Karen and Rud, \r\nYour husband and Father will truly be missed. \r\nWhen I first met Rod he had the most beautiful smile, he made me feel welcome when I attended The DC ECK Center. It has been a blessing to have known Rod. \r\n\r\n\r\nMay The Blessing Be\r\n\r\nBrenda Agunyego

Brenda Agunyego - August 17, 2024 at 03:14 PM

AS

“ My sincere condolences to Karen and family. I was so sorry to hear of his translation.\r\nAnita Sperling

Anita Sperling - August 16, 2024 at 08:08 PM

MJ

“ You radiated what could be possible for a lost soul starting a journey into a new citizenry and a new spiritual enfoldment. Condolences to the Moe.

Martial and Jin-Mei - August 16, 2024 at 06:33 PM

EB

“ Dear Karen: My sincerest condolences to you and your family. Thanks for the wisdom you and Rud shared with me a new ECKist. Love, Peace and Blessings.

Eloise P. Bailey - August 16, 2024 at 01:47 PM

AN

“ Rud Vincent Moe

Anonymous - August 13, 2024 at 06:51 PM

BO

“ Rud was a pure spark of joy and laughter with a gift of keen wit and insight. An amazing fellow! Our hearts are with you all.
Bonnie and Tucker

Bonnie - August 13, 2024 at 05:08 PM

DL

“ Karen we are so sorry Rud passed away.

Debby and Jerry Lamb - August 10, 2024 at 05:08 PM

AN

“ In memory of a good neighbor who who supported his community.

Anonymous - August 10, 2024 at 03:43 PM

BR

“ I see Rud in my memory as always smiling, and laughing a lot too. He had such a love of life, which I'm sure is continuing into his journey now. He was in my first Satsang (along with Karen) at the University of Maryland oh so many years ago. Just a beautiful, poignant memory of shared spiritual inquiry. May the Blessings Be.

Brenda - August 10, 2024 at 12:19 PM

RS

“ Dearest Moe’s ... I am saddened by the news that your beloved Rud has translated □ Baraka Bashad from my heart to yours, forever in our hearts ... sincerely, Rachel Saphir

Rachel Saphir - August 09, 2024 at 07:29 PM

LL

“ Remembering Rud with much love and gratitude for all he shared with us.\n\n—Linda Lafferty

Linda Lafferty - August 09, 2024 at 06:26 PM

SB

“ Dear sympathies to you, \"Little Rud\", family, and all of Rud's friends.\nA dear friend of long standing.\nA sweet hug to you, Karen\nMay the Blessings Be\n👉👉👉

Susan Baker - August 09, 2024 at 05:14 PM

FJ

“ Thinking of you at this time. Fran and Jeff

Fran Jocelyn - August 09, 2024 at 04:32 PM

WA

“ Few conversations in my life have been as exciting as the ones I’ve had with Rud Moe. Educational, Inspiring, Challenging...Rud’s intellect was as dynamic as anyone can imagine. The definition of “enthusiasm” is “filled with Spirit.” Rud was enthusiastic. Rud was FILLED with SPIRIT! Take all of Rud’s studies, research, experience, wrap them around his white-hot core of enthusiasm, and you had a brilliant engineer with a boy inside so excited he could barely breathe sometimes as he’d refute ignorance or expound upon a remarkable process—upon anything remarkable—and much of Rud’s world was infectiously remarkable. The experience of Rud, during most moments, was a Joy that burst right through his eyes, his smile, and his voice. And his heart was as palpable as his mind, both great, both sometimes vying for prominence in a moment; yet, when his heart and mind shared the stage, I and so many others were grateful to be there with him in that beautiful Rud Moe moment. Rud and I are both students of ECKANKAR, where we exercise our capacity to become purer and better servants of Spirit, to learn from and to serve all life. Rud lived a lifetime serving in rare and distinct ways. No words can truly describe Rud. Suffice it to say that if you knew him, you were better for it. I shall hear his voice in my head for the rest of my life, and I shall always treasure his enthusiasm. Though we miss him fondly, I have no doubt the Spirit of Rud, freed from the limitations of a human state of consciousness, is already expanding his capacity, already exploring deeper and higher realms of God...and that Rud is shining brighter than ever, in worlds of wonder as radiant and indescribable as he is. Thank you, Rud, for sharing some of your life with so many of us.

Walt - August 09, 2024 at 03:06 PM

SY

“ In honor of Rud's remarkable life. My condolences.

Steve Young - August 09, 2024 at 01:21 PM

JW

“ We' ll always cherish Rud and his love of the outdoors & that joyous smile. What great hikes we had in Hawaii ! Me ke aloha pumehana, Dear Friend.

Janine & Walt - August 09, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JN

“ In memory of and gratitude for Rud Moe, our great neighbor and good friend for 30 years.

Joy, Erik and Natalie - August 08, 2024 at 10:39 PM

AM

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Rud Vincent Moe - July 24, 2024 at 10:40 AM