



## Guy K Buesing

August 20, 1938 - October 11, 2015

Rye, NH – Guy Karrer Buesing, 77, of Rye, died peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

He was born in Caldwell, NJ on August 20, 1938 and raised by three wonderful parents, his father Charles Buesing his mother Virginia Karrer Buesing, and Ann Lipman Buesing, his father's second wife, who raised Guy as her son after his mother passed away when he was 6 years old.

Guy served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years. He performed multiple tours of duty with the Strategic Air Command from the Cuban Missile Crisis to Vietnam, flying B-47 and B-52 bombers. He returned to Portsmouth to retire at Pease Air Force base at the rank of Major, and was a member of the Order of Daedalians. He completed his baccalaureate degree from Southern New Hampshire University (formerly New Hampshire College of Accounting and Commerce) while in the Air Force.

Guy was an active member of Portsmouth Rotary for over 30 years and was recognized five times as a Paul Harris Fellow for outstanding service to the community. He was also a founding and longest serving active board member of Friends Forever in Durham, a grassroots organization that helps youth from conflict-prone regions in Northern Ireland, the Middle East, and Africa build lasting friendships across cultural, religious, and political divides.

His passions included flying, driving his automobiles cross-country, ballroom dancing, eating, and watching Red Sox baseball, all of which he enjoyed with great enthusiasm.

He is survived by his loving wife Lieu, his sister Ginny Kreuzberger, his brother Greg, his son Eric, and his grandson Dylan.

A memorial service followed by military honors and reception will be held at 1PM on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the Rye Congregational church, 580 Washington Road,

Rye, NH 03870. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Friends Forever, either directly online at: <http://www.friendsforeverusa.org> and clicking 'DONATE' or by mail to: One Morgan Way, Durham, NH, 03824.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Memorial Service**   01:00PM  
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Rye Congregational Church  
580 Washington Road, Rye, NH, US

# Comments

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“ Guy Buesing was the longest serving Board Member in the history of Friends Forever, having served as a volunteer via the Portsmouth Rotary Club at its founding in 1986 all the way thru 2015. In these 29 years, Guy represented all that makes Friends Forever special: A life that had a global outlook both in theory and in practice, an understanding that we can expect more from young people than we currently ask and also that we should always remember that the enthusiasm of youth should be cheered not dampened, and also that citizens from all backgrounds here in the US can and should be given the opportunity to directly participate in the international peace process from their own backyard. Guy would also never let on, but through his advocacy with the Knistrom Foundation, he secured nearly \$300,000 in gifts for Friends Forever in his 30 years of engagement. Many of these gifts came at times of “crisis” for the organization and there is a strong chance that without his steadfast support, there would be no Friends Forever. And that would mean that many of the 1,500 youth whether they are Protestant and Catholic and grew up under the shade of the Peace Wall in Belfast, or Jewish and Palestinian-Israelis living in a land that seems always in conflict, and now the young people of Uganda, would not have the life changing experience of a full year program that impacts so many more lives than just their own.

In the early days of Friends Forever, he would drive the Van as a Rotarian, lead workshops on dialogue and how to do Pros and Cons, and just hang out and dance with the group. Whatever it took. In the last decade, after I became involved in the organization, when not in Florida, Guy would be available for breakfasts and lunches and was a great sounding board for ideas but also to ensure that the organization stayed true to its vision of citizen diplomacy and grassroots engagement, no matter how large we got, and he was thrilled to see us grow. Guy was a big picture thinker, who enjoyed it when I shared my ideas with me and if he disagreed, always did so with the caveat that I just had not made my case effectively to him, YET. Friends Forever is proud to have been a part of Guy’s life and will proudly carry on his legacy as a global citizen who understood that one person can make a difference in the lives of hundreds of people in a positive way. I will miss my time with him but will not forget the lessons I learned.

Sincerely  
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