



Arthur Vernon English Jr.

November 21, 1946 - October 24, 2019

Arthur Vernon English Jr., 72, of Spotsylvania County, passed away on October 24, 2019, at Mary Washington Hospital after several weeks of declining health.

Arthur was born in Washington, DC, on November 21, 1946. He graduated in 1964 from Surrattsville High School in Clinton, MD, and received a degree from American University. Arthur had a distinguished career in the computer software industry, beginning in the late 1960s and continuing through his retirement in 2013. His employers included the U.S. Census Bureau, Sperry Univac, and Unisys. Among his areas of expertise were education of computer programmers, Microsoft Windows software development, and program management. He was proud of having worked for the legendary Grace Hopper, a pioneer of computer programming. Arthur also was an accomplished writer, authoring a book and many magazine articles on computing topics.

In his active years, Arthur enjoyed many outdoor activities, especially jogging, downhill and cross-country skiing, kayaking, and long-distance biking. His most recent interest was outdoor photography, and he had begun writing a book on photographing historic Fredericksburg.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Deborah Owen English; his son, Brian Stuart English; and grandsons, Nathan and Jacob English.

He was predeceased by his father, Arthur Vernon English; his mother, Pearl English Langner; his stepfather, Rudy Langner; and his brother, Albert English.

The family will gather for a private memorial tribute at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to NBRAN, the National Brittany Rescue & Adoption Network (nbran.org).

Online condolences may be expressed to his family at foundandsons.com.

Comments



“ Art was a kind, generous and wonderful colleague and friend. He will be greatly missed but fondly remembered.

Gary

Gary Wolfe - October 28, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ Art was very generous with his time and helped our community organize a Technology Club here at Virginia Heritage in 2015. He instructed many of our classes over a two+ year period before beginning to have health issues.

Art and I would get together to set up agendas and curriculums; he often shared memories about his past career as we developed our neighborly friendship. As his health began to decline we often spoke on the phone about technology and our similar health issues to compare notes.

We know Art was suffering with a great deal of pain and it's good to know he is no longer suffering. Our deepest condolences to Debby and his entire family for his passing.

Regards,
Bob & Phyllis Jurgensen

Bob & Phyllis Jurgensen - October 28, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ As a colleague, I'll remember Art for his unending patience with those of us who didn't have his intelligence and vision. He was able to meet you where you were and guide you to where you needed to be. He was always free with his time and his expertise, with no desire other than to help wherever and however he could.

As a friend, I'll miss his openness and sincerity. You always got the real Art, with no pretense. If he couldn't say something honestly, he just wouldn't say it. He was a model for me of what a true friend should be.

Myles Tillotson

Myles Tillotson - October 27, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ I had the good fortune to work with Art for several years and he was a wonderful friend and colleague. His technical knowledge was extraordinary and his generous friendship and kindness were boundless. We were able to share dinners with Art and Debbie on numerous occasions and it was always lovely. He will be greatly missed.
Dave

Dave Roberts - October 27, 2019 at 06:50 PM



“ Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed Art's friendship. We were in the "Circle of Confusion" photography group. He was a part of the first show I organized! He had a lot of " technical" info that he shared with us, which was helpful in many cases! I know he is no longer suffering all the physical pain he had and for that I am grateful. I am glad he was a friend!!
I am sorry for his loss <3

Jeanne Jackson - October 27, 2019 at 03:16 PM