



## Kevin John Brulé

February 25, 1954 - September 11, 2025

Kevin John Brulé, age 71, of Dacula, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 11, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raoul and Louise Brulé. Kevin is survived by his beloved wife of twenty years, Joell Houk Brulé; his son, Kyle (Anna) Brulé of Hoschton, Georgia; cherished granddaughter, Blakely Brulé; and his brothers, Michael (Dawn Marie) Brulé, Kris (Susan) Brulé, and Pat (Roxanne) Brulé. He is also survived by several beloved nieces and nephews.

Born on February 25, 1954, in Rome, New York, Kevin served his country as a proud six-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, where his ingenuity aboard the USS Connecticut earned recognition for innovations that saved millions of dollars. He graduated from Del City High School in Oklahoma in 1972 and later from the University of Texas in 1990. Following his military service, Kevin enjoyed a distinguished career as a robotics engineer with General Motors, where his exceptional skill for understanding complex systems led to groundbreaking process improvements and significant cost savings.

Kevin was a devout Christian who found joy in studying the Bible and giving thanks to God for the gift of life and the beauty of each day. He loved traveling and cherished long walks with his family, savoring time together wherever life's path led. Kevin will be remembered for his keen intellect, his love of music and guitar, his enthusiasm for computer gaming, and the countless

hours he spent sharing remote-control cars and airplanes with his son and brothers. Above all, he was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother whose steady presence and inventive spirit enriched the lives of all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, with Pastor Danny Ashworth officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 1:30 p.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers please donate to a charitable organization of your choice in memory of Kevin Brulé.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 21. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Celebration of Life

SEP 21. 3:30 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Kevin in the fall of 1972 when we both reported to Naval Station Dam Neck, VA for “A” and the “C” school there. We were friends almost immediately. It was apparent that he was a really smart guy as he helped me get through some of the rough spots in that early training. We spent many days, and any liberty we could get, on the beach at Dam Neck. During our time there he was able to meet my wife to be Bonnie and her family as well as mine when they would visit. We both got orders to Groton, Ct. He reported to the Lafayette and I to the George C. Marshall. I remember us as two “loose cannons” driving our Volkswagen bugs, his orange and mine blue up to Groton. The Lafayette was in an extended shipyard period so we got together often. I was aware of the commendations he received with his work on the Nav Center computer. I think I even played blackjack on it as he had programmed it to do! Due to an injury I had to muster out of the Navy in 1975 and returned to my home in western PA. In the summer of 1976, we invited him to be in our wedding. He accepted and served as an usher in the wedding party. Our wedding picture somehow got attached to John Stewarts pictures. Kevin is at top left. Several years later he was able to visit us in our home, by then we had two preschool sons which he got to meet. When life happened, we lost track of one another. About 8 years ago I happened to google the Lafayette Shipmate site, I found him listed with an email address, he responded almost immediately, Reconnected!! Soon after, I remember a phone call catching up with he and Joell that lasted almost 2 hours. Kevin and Joell visited us in PA when they were traveling through to visit relatives. In May of 2023 while at A family wedding at Lake Oconee, we were able to spend day with them at their beautiful home in Dacula. It seemed impossible that much time had passed. We made plans to stay in touch and try and get together in Va. Beach where both our sons and two grandsons now live after their Navy retirement. It makes Bonnie and I so sad that that life again happened and we didn't get that to happen. To Joell, Kyle, Blakely and the entire family we send our deepest sympathy at the passing of our dear friend Kevin. It takes a long time to grow old friends, 53 years went too fast. Rest in God's peace Kevin.

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**Tom and Bonnie Barnhart** - September 23, 2025 at 08:12 AM

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**Tom and Bonnie Barnhart** - September 23, 2025 at 08:05 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Pictures from John Stewart*



**Tom and Bonnie Barnhart** - September 21, 2025 at 09:07 AM

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“ *I met Kevin about 20 years ago through his younger brother, Pat. A few years ago, Pat and his family invited us to church and Christmas Eve dinner with their family and Kevin's family. From then on, Christmas Eve with them became something we always looked forward to. Kevin was always so positive, funny, and a great storyteller. We will really miss Kevin and the light he brought to those dinners.*

*Marty & Lynne*

**Marty Weil** - September 19, 2025 at 08:55 AM

JS

“ 3 files added to the album *Pictures from John Stewart*



**John Stewart** - September 18, 2025 at 08:02 PM

JS

“ I served with Kevin aboard the USS Lafayette in the mid to late 70's. Kevin always had a positive attitude, a quick wit, was a hard worker, and one of the smartest people I know. Kevin would spend hours buried in a tech manual, writing diagnostic programs for the ship's navigation computer, and then sit in the dark in front of it watching the lights blink on its control panel. There were times when someone would ask me "what's that noise in the back of the Nav center?" I would tell them it's just Kevin talking and growling at his computer. Well, all that time spent with his head buried in a tech manual, writing programs, sitting in the dark watching the blinking lights, talking and growling, resulted in a program that Kevin presented to and was accepted by the US Navy. Kevin's program detected and diagnosed core memory problems up until that point remained a mystery to the Navy and the company that provided the computer to the Navy. Just think of that...Kevin topped all the computer geeks with PHD's at a major defense contractor saving the Navy a mountain of money. Kevin was like that...whenever he got into something, he gave his absolute all. Kevin was a great friend and a great man. Rest in peace brother, you will be missed by all.

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**John Stewart** - September 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM

RJ

“ I grew up down the street from Kevin growing up in Del City, Oklahoma. His Brother (Pat) was one of my closest friends and still is. Praying for your family Kevin and your Brothers families as well. Rest in Peace ❤️🙏

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**Ronnie James** - September 17, 2025 at 12:35 PM

JF

“ Kevin was amazing in that he was super energetic and always quick with quip or joke to make light of difficult work situations we would find ourselves in. I loved sharing stories over ‘fishbowls’, giant top shelf Margaritas, at Puerto Vallartas in Bowling Green with him and friends. Rest in peace, my friend— we’ll miss you.



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**John & Norma Fetterolf** - September 15, 2025 at 12:42 PM