



## Mr. Wynn Allen Rostek

February 14, 1956 - October 10, 2019

Wynn Allen Rostek, beloved husband, stepfather, brother, uncle and friend, died Oct. 10 at home in Titusville after a long illness. With his quick wit, brilliant mind, generosity and gentle spirit, Wynn was a remarkable man who will be greatly missed.

Born Feb. 14, 1956, in Decatur, Ill., he was the son of Wallace (Wally) and Shirley Rostek. The family moved to Titusville in 1960. Wynn graduated from Astronaut High School in 1974. He earned two associate degrees before receiving a bachelor degree in Computer Science from the University of Central Florida. A lifelong learner, Wynn returned to school in his late 40s to earn a degree in Technical Management from DeVry University.

His career in aerospace and defense spanned four decades. As a software engineer, Wynn was an expert in embedded systems and communications. He served as principal engineer of Sentry View Systems of Melbourne before illness forced his early retirement.

American Mensa recently honored him for his many years of service to the organization.

In addition to computers and electronics, Wynn's many interests included amateur radio, photography, writing, traveling and nature. The Everglades and

the Smoky Mountains were his favorite travel destinations. Nothing gave Wynn greater joy than spending time at the family cabin in the North Carolina mountains.

He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Brevard.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; stepson Kurt Penca of Cocoa; stepdaughter Gabrielle Diekmann and son-in-law Jared Diekmann of Durham, N.C.; sisters Linda Rostek of Mims and Jill Belflower of Thomasville, Ga.; nephews Jay Grunenfelder of Titusville and Rusty Edwards of Atlanta, Ga.; niece Amber Owens of Thomasville, Ga; numerous cousins including Karen Ogden of Titusville; two grandnephews (Evin Thomas and Cooper Graves) and three grandnieces (Jaylynn Grunenfelder, Savanna Owens, and Hayden Graves).

The family is grateful for the loving care from DaVita North Brevard Dialysis Center and Dr. Mark Pinkowski.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Sandrift Community Center, 585 N. Singleton Ave., Titusville.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

Sandrift Community Center  
585 N. Singleton Ave  
Titusville , FL 32796

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Rest in Peace Wynn, enjoyed having you as a friend and colleague at NASA.* ”

Jeffrey Orr - February 24, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ *Mr. Wynn Allen Rostek* ”

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM

SR

“ *Suzanne Rostek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wynn Allen Rostek* ”



Suzanne Rostek - November 15, 2019 at 09:36 AM

SR

*Your love shines bright, my dearest Wynn!*

Suzanne Rostek - November 15, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wynn Allen Rostek.* ”



October 18, 2019 at 04:53 PM

FM

“ Wynn is an inspiration to us.

*We use the present tense deliberately. Life had left his body, but his legacy remains and will remain with those of us privileged to have known him. Despite the extraordinary battle he was fighting in the last years, despite limitations on movement and all the anguish of life-threatening illness, he brought light to every room he entered. In his final weeks, he and Suzanne hosted one of his popular game parties at his house -- as usual, bringing cheer and good companionship to those around him.*

*He would make the time to explain the intricacies of using digital communications technology software at Frank's amateur radio station, and make some of the most insightful comments on presentations Frank and Liz and others made to our Unitarian Universalist fellowship. He was a good friend always, and a mentor and teacher when needed. He is a great inspiration.*

*Rest in peace, Wynn.*

*Frank and Liz Merceret*

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**Frank Merceret** - October 16, 2019 at 05:16 PM

JM

“ *He was a wonderful and smart man. Wishing the family courage. Love, Jenifer and Frank Mina*

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**Jenifer Mina** - October 14, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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“ Suzanne, I've followed your journey with your beloved, Wynn, through the years on social media. So many times I've been uplifted by your support during Bernie's battle for life and felt such a kinship with you recognizing that you and Wynn have been there fighting tooth and nail just like we have. There is nothing more important in any relationship than the feeling of devotion people have for one another. This is especially true when that commitment spills over into a crusade for the life & health of someone incredibly dear. Seems like being in this kind of struggle together forges the strongest of bonds. I'm so sorry you have had to face all this but not surprised at the way you've tirelessly made sure that the two of you enjoyed every possible moment of your lives together.

I truly believe that while Wynn may be gone from this world, he is hovering close by and you will feel his presence frequently. It won't be the same as having him right here but it will still be an extremely comforting connection. Words can't describe how heartbroken I feel for you as you navigate this most challenging transition. Although I never knew Wynn, I know the attachment you had to him, the long years of friendship and love dating back to your childhood and I relate to the sorrow this separation brings. I'm sending love and light along to you and prayers for peace and strength. Hold on sister, this is not the end of your love story.

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**Susan Pedersen** - October 14, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ Wynn was one of the kindest, most steady people that I have ever known. I can count on one hand the people that I have known that have never had an unkind word to say about anyone, I can count Wynn among those few. We have always thought the world of Wynn. We send all of our love to his friends, and family, especially to Suzanne. Suzanne, you always made him smile. 💜

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**Jessicah Nichols** - October 14, 2019 at 11:50 AM

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“ As Wynn's sister, I have many, many memories and every single one is a treasure. Just to show the depth of kindness, concern and compassion my brother was made of; even as he battled through the many difficult and often painful medical and physical issues he faced, his thoughts and concerns were for the well being of those around him, not for himself. Just days before we lost him I was having great difficulty with the arthritis in my hips. When I picked him up from dialysis and got him home, his concern was for me. When I disappeared into their garage and was gone for 15 minutes he called me on my cell, afraid I had fallen or hurt myself or simply couldn't walk back from the garage into the house because I'd been limping so badly. I could hear the deep concern in his sweet gentle voice. He wouldn't hang up on the call till I was standing next to him and he could see I was okay. He was always so gracious; thanking me profusely for every single thing I did, no matter how small, from picking him up from dialysis, covering him with a blanket, fixing him lunch, getting him ice, taking off his shoes, sweeping up crumbs, it didn't matter what it was, he was appreciative and he truly meant it. In these past few days I've had the pleasure of hearing from others about how they too were touched by this kind, gentle, intelligent, compassionate and caring man - my big brother, whom I shall love till the end of eternity. I miss you so very much!!!

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Linda Rostek - October 14, 2019 at 11:40 AM