



Russell Denmark Jr.

April 26, 2024

Russell Lonza Denmark Jr., age 92, of Cedar Falls, formerly of San Diego, CA, died Friday, April 26, 2024, at his home in Mallard Point.

He was born March 4, 1932, in Texarkana, TX, the son of Russell and Margret (Richards) Denmark Sr. Russell lived with his grandparents in Texarkana, AR, where they had a cotton farm. He attended school in Arkansas prior to joining the US Army when he was 17 years old, serving as PFC from September 1949 to December 1952 as part of the occupational peace forces unit. Upon being discharged from the military, Russ returned to Texarkana for a short time before moving to San Diego.

While in San Diego, Russ met Ruth Ann Winter at a ballroom dance. In 1953, they were united in marriage. They lived in San Diego where Russell began a career in manufacturing engineering, making missiles for General Dynamics from 1953-1964 as well as working an apprenticeship making airplanes for Convarir from 1953-1957. He also graduated from junior college in 1957.

Russell and his family then moved to Lakeside, California in the east side of San Diego County. They lived on an acreage enjoying their many horses including Appaloosas and goats. Russ, Ruth, and sons, Paul and David, enjoyed the tranquil country living on an acreage and having cattle, horses, sheep and goats that brought them much pleasure.

In 1976, they moved to Sandy, Oregon as Russ had a job opportunity with Boeing Airlines. He worked for Boeing from 1977-1994 where he worked on all kinds of parts. He retired in 1994. His next venture with manufacturing engineering background took him to Straza from 1964 -1977. This company did all types of work on airplanes and Russ even worked on parts for the space shuttles.

Among his many hobbies, Russ enjoyed fishing, golfing, playing tennis, and running. Throughout his many years of running he participated in marathons in New York, Vancouver, Seattle, and Portland, and even completed the Boston Marathon. He also enjoyed bicycling, partaking in Cycle Oregon, touring the state of Oregon for a week, eight different times. Russ was a past member of the Lutheran and Methodist churches in California and Oregon. He was a member of the El Cajon Masonic Lodge in California from 1960 to 1974 and achieved Junior Warden officer while in San Diego.

Ruth passed away on June 18, 1984. Russ then moved to Gresham, Oregon. He lived in San Diego before moving to Mallard Point in Cedar Falls on November 9, 2020.

Russ is survived by his son Paul of Columbus, OH; sister-in-law, Dolores Winter of Arlington, VA; brother-in-law, Paul (Virginia) Winter of Crystal, MN; and niece, Laura (Randy) Winter, Winnebago, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife; son, David; and sister, Joann.

A special thank you to Right at Home, his nurse, Molly Ott, and various caregivers for their extraordinary care, concern, and compassion.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2024, in the atrium at

Mallard Point in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior to the service.
Inurnment will be in Greenwood Memorial Park in San Diego, CA.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mallard Point
2603 Orchard Dr.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

The visitation will be in the atrium.

Memorial Service

MAY 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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The memorial service will be in the atrium.

Tribute Wall

NM

“ I met Russ through Vesta and Joe Sobczyk, they were his friends and caregivers for the last four years. He was a true gentleman. He donated his walker to my brother who was struggling with a muscle disorder. I will miss him when I visit in Cedar Falls.

Nicky McCarthy - May 06, 2024 at 08:27 PM

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“ I was Russ's daughter in law for 16 years. I loved Russ so much!! He was always so positive, generous, kind and so much fun. He always was active and involved in so many activities. I loved the fact that David and I were able to do Cycle Oregon with him which he loved. I enjoyed hiking and dancing with him at our outings. My family was fortunate to have spent a lot of time with him as well and just loved him too. Despite his health decline, I was so happy that he was in good hands with Vesta in Iowa. Every time I spoke to him, he called her his angel and she indeed was that. Paul, Vesta and I felt comforted to know that he's with the rest of the family. He'll be forever in my heart. I'll miss you Russ. Nancy

nancy daigle - May 02, 2024 at 05:41 PM

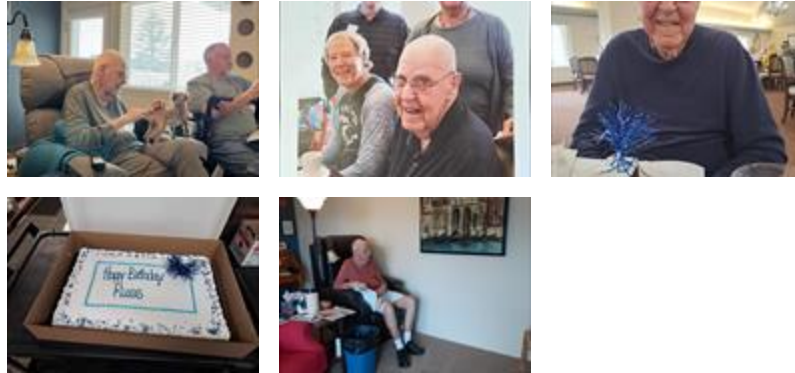
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“ Nancy D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Denmark Jr..

Nancy D. - May 02, 2024 at 05:20 PM

VS

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



vesta L Sobczyk - May 01, 2024 at 08:43 AM

VS

“ Pops move to Cedar Falls Iowa from his son David Denmark's home in San Diego . On November 9 of 2020 I took him to Mallard Point. Opened the door to h his apartment and said welcome home. He had many friends at Mallard Point and enjoyed the life he experienced there. It felt like home and he wanted to stay in his home till the end. Thanks to the amazing care he received from Right at home he was able to do just that. His son David sent pops to me to care for him and I promised David I would. My husband Joe and myself were with him as he let go of my hand and reached for Gods. My last words to him were “Pops I will be fine, you can go your mother is waiting for you”. He took his last breath and was gone. He will be missed.



vesta L Sobczyk - May 01, 2024 at 08:27 AM

BS

“ Russ was my step father for 26 years and we enjoyed many bike rides, hikes, fishing and home cooked meals together. He will be with me for sure.
Bill Smith, Roseburg, OR.

Bill Smith - April 30, 2024 at 02:03 PM

VS

He talked of you often with fondness

vesta L Sobczyk - April 30, 2024 at 10:05 PM

JR

“ *Yellow is for friendship, Russ was a friend we enjoyed visiting him when in Cedar Falls, at my sister and brother in law's, lunches and dinners at Mallard Point, car rides, trips to interesting places like the Spam factory and trying a new restaurant, and of course a football game or two. A fine gentleman we enjoyed spending time with. Fly high Russ until we meet again!*



Joyce Rollins - April 29, 2024 at 10:20 PM

VS

He love your visits and enjoying the trips we took. He love sports and became a WV fan . Would put on his WV short on game days that were on TV and proudly say today I'm a WV fan

vesta L Sobczyk - April 30, 2024 at 10:09 PM

PS

“ *Russ was such a nice man and we really enjoyed knowing him for many years. We were so sad to hear of his passing and will think of him often..*

Ken and Penny Smith

Penny Smith - April 29, 2024 at 07:44 PM

VS

Thank for the cards a photo it meant a lot to him.

vesta L Sobczyk - April 30, 2024 at 10:10 PM