



Captain Hans Jørgen Hjelde

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Hans Jørgen Hjelde, born in Oslo, Norway on November 16, 1936, grew up in Trondheim, where his family still resides. In addition to Ellen, his wife of 45 years, surviving family members are daughters Lise Brylle and her husband, Jens, Lone Spillard, and son Hans Hjelde and wife Karen, together with 6 grandchildren. Also surviving in Norway is a brother Odd Roar and wife Aasta. Hans Jørgen Hjelde graduated from the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy in 1958 and later obtained his Master Mariner's certification in Bergen. After a short tour of duty in the Norwegian Navy he joined the Norwegian Merchant Marine which led him in 1969 to join part of the Wilh. Wilhelmsen group of companies in Hong Kong, where he met his wife, who was the honorary Danish Vice Consul. In 1975 he transferred to Tehran and in the fall of 1977 to New York.

From 1979 to 1985 Hans headed Wilhelmsen's operation in Baltimore, and later accepted the position of President for Wilhelmsen in North America. In 1991 he was appointed Honorary Consul for Norway in Maryland, and in 1999 The King of Norway bestowed him the honor of Knight of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit.

After retirement Hans Jørgen and his wife moved to Lake County, Florida, where they have lived for almost ten years. His life long friends Ove Höegh, Knut Berentson, Odd Sanne along with his fellow officers from the Norwegian Navy describe him as 'an officer and a gentleman'. He and their fellow classmates met in Norway on a very regular basis, though most of that group are now living in all corners of the world. Hans Jørgen was an avid golfer and enjoyed the camaraderie of his fellow golfers. He also spent many happy hours at the bridge table especially at the Eustis Bridge Club. Traveling overseas to visit with family and friends from his rich and long life was always high on his agenda, and visiting with his grandchildren remained his most intimate pleasure. Hans died peacefully in his home on September 7th 2015 and will be deeply missed by



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all.

A celebration of Hans' life will be held on Saturday in Florida followed by the more formal services in Denmark. Pastor Kjell Werner Rødder of the Norwegian Church will honor his life followed by a private internment at Søllerød Kirkegård.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, 226 E. Burleigh Blvd., Tavares, FL 32778, (352)343-4444. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall.



Events

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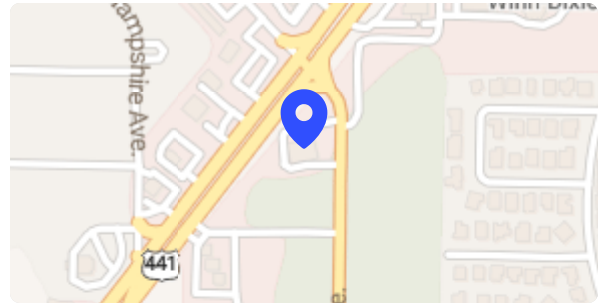
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The family would appreciate a shared memory.

 **Friday**, September 11, 2015

 **SHARE YOUR MEMORY ON THE TRIBUTE WALL.**

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Tribute Wall

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JW

Jack Walsh posted:

Hans had a way about him that few men possess. He radiated warmth, strength of character, charm, empathy, style, courage and humor. His golfing friends will be forever diminished with his passing. Our deepest sympathy to you Ellen and your family. Joanne and Jack Walsh

September 13 at 7:42 AM

PG

Pat Goodyear posted:

Jim Goodyear, my late husband, thought Hans to be a wonderful friend and golf buddy. I met Hans through Jim and share everyone's sentiments of him as a marvelous man, a loyal friend and that he will be missed by all. Greetings and sympathy to you, our dear Ellen. Love, Pat Goodyear

September 12 at 10:01 AM

OA

Ole Andersen shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Hans Jørgen, whether the family man, friend or excellent host - You will always be remembered for who you were. With these old and faded photos from a time long gone - R.I.P Old Friend. Ole

September 10 at 11:24 PM



MM

Monica Mrazek lit a candle in honor of Hans.

September 12 at 6:29 AM



MG

Mary & Harold Graul posted:

Dear Ellen & Family, We have such wonderful memories of Hans, not only as a neighbor & friend but as the head of Wilhelmsen's operation in Baltimore. Our new sailboat, made in Taiwan, was being delivered to Baltimore on a Wilhelmsen Ship.(about 1995) From the time it left Taiwan, Hans gave us an update of its location everyday. On the day of its arrival in Baltimore Harbor, he invited us to the ship at 6:30am where we met and had breakfast with its captain then was given a tour of the ship. We then witnessed the unloading of our sailboat, "Flyin' Low" in perfect shape. He later enjoyed a harbor cruise on that sailboat. We remember him as a Norwegian gentleman so proud of his roots. We later visited Bergen and its beautiful harbor. Our thoughts & prayers are with you as you celebrate his life. Harold & Mary Graul

September 12 at 5:59 AM



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DL

Debby Lau posted:

Dearest Ellen, Lisa, Lone and Hans, Our condolences. I remember HJ as a real gentleman, kind and generous. I will always remember his fatherly smile. Our love to you always. You are in our prayers. Debby & Keng.

September 11 at 11:19 PM

CG

Colleen Greene lit a candle in honor of Hans.

My dear friend Lone, My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. Please know that I am here to offer my friendship and support. Love and prayers



September 11 at 5:48 AM

TJ

Thor S. Johansen posted:

I met Hans during my time as Vice Consul for Norway in Hong Kong. He and some other good friends of ours met almost every day for lunch. We laughed more than we ate and shared stories. I can still, after all this years, remember Hans` laughter which was a happy one. He was a good friend who I met again years later during my services in Washington DC. It fell to my work to suggest him as honorary Consul for Norway in Baltimore. Ellen and family please accept my heartfelt sympathy and condolences. Thor S, Johansen, Consul General (retired)

September 10 at 11:24 PM



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September 12 at 7:32 AM



1977



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1989



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1987



1989



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hans by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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