



John Stuart "Stu" Dornblaser

September 19, 1941 - June 4, 2019

John Stuart (Stu) Dornblaser, 77, passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring. He was born in Camden, Arkansas on September 19, 1941 to the late John Wilson and Katherine North Dornblaser. He grew up in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Stu earned a degree in business and economics from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Harvard Business School. He married his soul mate, Dorothy Hunter Dornblaser in 1963.

He leaves to cherish his memory his dear wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Dr. Kathlene Dornblaser of Manteo, NC, Deborah Varnes of Lawrenceville, Ga. and Jacqueline Christine (Mrs. Patrick) Morse of Apopka, FL; 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

He served in the US Army and later became a master in the US Merchant Marine. After earning a CPA certificate and an early career, he and his family moved to Jacksonville in 1977. He and his wife moved to South Ponte Vedra in 1993 and to Sea Pines in 2014. His career included mortgage banking, computer software development and general management in Jacksonville. He was a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine. He served in several capacities with the Presbytery of St. Augustine and the Montgomery Conference Center. He was a supporter of the Jacksonville Humane Society, serving on its board for a term. He was active in the South Ponte Vedra Civic

Association.

He was an avid sailor having adventured offshore to the Bahamas a number of times with his first mate. They also explored the British Virgin Islands, St. Martin, and other Caribbean destinations via sailboats over a number of years.

He will be remembered as a person who always drove a yellow Volkswagen bug He was a flautist and enjoyed singing tenor in the choir. He was a selfless man, always placing others first, generous sometimes to a fault.

A celebration of Stu's life will be 11 a.m., Monday, June 10, 2019 at Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine with Dr. Hunter Camp and Dr. Dudley Weaver officiating.

In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to the Jacksonville Humane Society or Memorial Presbyterian Church.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PT

“ I knew Stu from my days at Computer Power. I can still see him in his office on the main floor of the old Peninsular building. Stu was knowledgable, a leader and all round great guy. People like Stu are the ones we meet and never forget. He will be missed.

Peter Thomas - June 10, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Stuart "Stu" Dornblaser.



June 10, 2019 at 09:48 AM

LW

“ I will remember Stu with fondness and a smile. May the skipper of the Red Baron revel in the glory of our King. -Larry Wagner

Larry Wagner - June 10, 2019 at 09:29 AM

JC

“ I met Stu when he came to work for Computer Network Processing around 1996. He quickly became a father figure to everyone in the front office. He was always funny, charismatic, genuine AND had a smile that could light up a room. I was very young when we met and he not only helped me at work, but also taught me some of the necessities of life - cars require oil to run, live within your means and balance your checkbook, a bowl of lobster bisque and a stiff drink really could make you feel better!!
When I think of Stu, I will always remember his yellow VW, his epic beach parties, his love of the ocean and how proud he was of Dorothy and his girls. You will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved you!

Jenny Calder - June 10, 2019 at 09:27 AM

TA

“ Stu was one of those rare persons who loved people, good times and always had the patience to listen and teach. You will be missed. Smooth sailing my friend!

Tim Anderson - June 09, 2019 at 04:16 PM

MP

“ Michael Stuart and Paige purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Stuart "Stu" Dornblaser.



Michael Stuart and Paige - June 09, 2019 at 02:02 PM

BS

“ I first met Stu in 1977 and worked with him at CPI and later at NCP.. Stu was a joy to be around and just a straight up wonderful guy. My wife and I looked forward to his annual parties that brought old friends and colleagues together to reminisce and embellish our half truths. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him! RIP Stu!

Barry Stockdale - June 08, 2019 at 08:02 PM

MW

“ Captain Stu was the man responsible for some of the happiest times of my life. I was with the Mortgage Banking group that moved from Memphis to Jacksonville in 1988. I loved that we were moving there because it put me closer to my Mom, who lived in Titusville. Stu was not really a boss, but, quickly became a friend and a father figure to us, his Customer Support girls! He saw that we worked hard but, he also saw that we were able to play just as hard. This he did through his favorite pastime, sailing!!! The first sailing trip Stu took us on was when he had his boat at a marina on the Indian River (I don't remember the name). We would sail from there, usually to Hooters. I was scared to death the first time he told me to take the tiller. I can remember him saying, "here take it, you'll be fine", as he handed the tiller over to me, with that irresistible, Stu smile. I was thinking, gosh is he crazy, I know nothing about sailing!! But, how could you tell him No or how could you be afraid with Stu as your teacher. He taught me the difference between port and starboard. I still remember it to this day, port has the same number of letters as left and starboard is the opposite on the right. He taught me about watching the wooley for good wind. And, the best thing of all was him telling me to put the rails in the water!!!

Stu,

I love you and will never forget you!!! Thank you for the support and friendship you gave to me, Dennis and the boys! I know when you arrived at the pearly gates. They were flung open wide and you sailed right in! With the wooley horizontal and your rails in the water.

- Marcie

Marcie Wildes - June 08, 2019 at 01:15 PM

DO

“ I worked with Stu at CPI and I remember him as kind and gentle person. he will be missed by many. Dennis Ocon

Dennis Ocon - June 07, 2019 at 09:08 PM

KO

“ *To My Captain;*

Words alone cannot describe how much you have meant to me and my family, so please excuse the tears that will be flowing during our Celebration of your life. You were responsible for bringing us from Memphis to Jacksonville 30+ years ago starting a chain reaction of events: a work environment that was challenging and yet fun, co-workers who became lifelong dear friends, a close friend we could always confide in, and sailing adventures we will always remember.

We knew this day would come, but the lessons and love will never leave us.

The KORBEL Family



KORBEL - June 07, 2019 at 08:04 PM



Marshall
Harrison

“ *Stu have me my first job as a professional programmer back in 1987. I met him in a computer store and we struck up a conversation. I mentioned that I was at UNF working on a Computer Science degree and want to be a C programmer. He described his company, Florida Systems Consulting Group and suggested that I apply for an opening he had. I did and i recently retired after 30 years in the profession. I owe Stu a lot for getting me started. Rest in Peace. Wishing you fair skies and trailing winds Stu.*

Marshall Harrison - June 07, 2019 at 10:44 AM

RD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Ray Drake - June 07, 2019 at 05:57 AM

 Brent
Rogers

“ To the man who taught me to sail and to love gin and tonics. You will be missed.



Brent Rogers - June 07, 2019 at 04:03 AM

RD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Ray Drake - June 06, 2019 at 11:09 PM

RD

“ *Stu and I met over 40 years ago while he was working with Computer Power. He was a mentor to me professionally and the best of friends. I am so grateful to have known Stu and to have shared many incredible times with him. He was a very special, gifted person who has fought a failing body courageously for many years, although you would hardly know it. I will always regret not being present on Monday to share his life's celebration, but I will cherish the times we had forever. My deepest sympathy to his wonderful family. You know I will be there with you in spirit.*

(I think Stu would want me to say this. This website was down for a few hours today shortly after posting Stu's obituary. You gotta believe Stu had a hand in that!)

Ray Drake - June 06, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*



Debbie Varnes - June 06, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Stuart "Stu" Dornblaser.*



June 06, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ *I first met Stu when we both worked at Computer Power. He was a go-getter and a hard worker. I once was tasked with writing a computer program out of a design created by another cohort who was too lazy to write the specs in an intelligible format. Since this guy worked for Stu I asked Stu for help, and being the nice man he was he never admonished they guy but rather, rewrote the specs in a pseudo language he made up called "STUBOL". I understood perfectly what he wanted and to this day still smile about it.*

God be with you Stu, rest easy in His care.

Bob Glover

Bob Glover - June 06, 2019 at 05:48 PM

DM

“ Rest in peace Stu! I wish I could put into words how much you've meant to me AND SO MANY OTHERS for so many years. I worked with Stu and the gang in Jacksonville at Dyatron back in the late 1990s. Stu was so gracious, so kind, so generous, so funny, so smart, so down- to-earth, so devoted to his family, and an all-around great man! He had an uncanny ability to see strengths and talent in people and gave so many like me such great opportunities. I will never forget you. Sail on Stu and watch over us all until we meet again! ❤️



Dawn Moore - June 06, 2019 at 04:55 PM