



Dr. Cortland E. Mehl

November 21, 1950 - June 25, 2021

Dr. Cortland E. Mehl, age 70, died on June 25, 2021 as a result of a lung disease attributed to his service in the Persian Gulf. The son of the late Cortland Alexander Mehl and Helen Kulka Mehl, he was born on November 21, 1950 in Glens Falls, NY.

He attended Stamford schools, graduating from Stamford Catholic High School in 1968. Dr. Mehl was very active in the Boy Scouts and earned the Eagle Scout award in 1966. He graduated from the College of Steubenville (Ohio) in 1972 with a BA degree, and earned his MA and MBA degrees from the University of Bridgeport in 1974 and 1980 respectively. He also received a MAM degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1987 through the Vietnam Era GI Bill, and was awarded a Doctorate from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also graduated from both the U.S. Army's Command & General Staff College and the U.S. Army Logistics Management College.

Dr. Mehl was a retired U.S. Army officer who served during the Vietnam era, Cold War, Persian Gulf and in a support role during Operation Restore Hope. He was a combat veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where he served as a transport logistician and was certified as a U.S. Army logistician.

After his retirement from the Army as a Major, he worked in the corporate sector for several years, most notably as Assistant Corporate Secretary and Administration Manager for Yusen Air & Sea Service. He also worked for Virgin Atlantic and Jet Blue Airways and was the former President of Archangel Air Cargo, a veterans owned and managed air cargo charter operation. He was an accomplished general aviation pilot who held FAA instrument, commercial pilot and ground instructor ratings. At his death he was serving as part of a flight and ground crew as a Lt. Colonel with the 219th Raptors Squadron, Southeast Group, New York Wing, of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol.

Cort was a certified member of the American Society of Transportation & Logistics and in 1988 developed a course of study in transportation for the University of Bridgeport MBA program, where he served as an adjunct professor. He was a member of the Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Society and the Delta Mu Delta business honor fraternity.

Active in local affairs, Cort belonged to several veterans groups, most notably as Commander of Kulka Brothers Post #1957 of the Catholic War Veterans in Stamford and the American Legion Post #3 in Stamford, where he was a life member. He served as the post historian and liason to the Boy Scouts. He was also a life member of VFW Post #6933 in Noroton Heights, Amvets, Vietnam Veterans of America and the U.S. Army Transportation Regiment. In addition, he was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Augustine Council in Stamford and served on the Board of the Stamford Historical Society.

His hobbies included aviation, photography, travel, archaeology, history and metal detecting. He was a member of the Civil War Roundtable, Civil War Preservation Trust, the Nor'easter's Metal Detecting Club, the Holy Name Athletic Club, the Wings Club of New York as well as several military

museums.

Dr. Mehl is survived by his first cousins, Raymond Kulka of Orange, CT, Barbara Schmidt of East Norwich, NY and Louise Virgilio of Albertson, NY and a second cousin, Michele Serafin, of Stamford, CT.

Visitation is on Friday July 2, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist Church, 279 Atlantic Street, Stamford CT., on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery, 41 Hecker Avenue, Darien, CT. with military honors.

In lieu of flowers Cort requested that donations be made to Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity in Bridgeport, CT or the Bronx, NY, or the Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio) Archaeology Department.

In compliance with state mandates and the safety of all those attending his funeral services, it is mandatory to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

If you would like to leave a condolence message online please visit the family guestbook to share memories with his family at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 325-9300
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church
279 Atlantic Street
STAMFORD, CT 06901
stjc@optonline.net
<http://stjohnsstamford.com/>

Burial

JUL 3 (ET)

Spring Grove Cemetery
41 Hecker Avenue
Darien, CT 06820
(203) 655-0682
<http://www.springgrove.org/>

Tribute Wall

RC

“ I worked with Cort at H. Muehlstein & Co. in Greenwich, CT, back in 1972, right after he first graduated from college. We also socialized a few times, even though I lived in Yonkers, NY at the time. Cort was devoted to his Mom, and I was so impressed with his military career. Even though I moved to the Pacific Northwest, Cort was a lifelong friend who always remembered me with Christmas cards and emails. He was a very sweet guy, and he certainly will be missed. R.I.P., Cort.

Rob Chandler - March 03, 2022 at 04:16 PM

DG

“ Cort was a longtime friend and will be missed. We go back many years when he enjoyed visits to my family waterfront lakehouse on Lake George near his birthplace in Glens Falls, NY. Also annual Christmas get-togethers, sipping vintage Scotch +shrimp and snacks in his military-styled 'bunker' retreat in his Stamford home. R.I.P.Cort
D.G.Piperdgpiper@att.net

Donald G.Piper - July 02, 2021 at 10:05 AM

IB

“ Cortland and I met in 2008 at Norwalk Community College. We took a Biology class together. We became good friend instantly. He took me to my first Latin mass. He introduced me to hiking. He held my hand during the most challenging times. I'm forever grateful for your friendship. May your kind soul Rest In Peace.



Iris Barnett - July 01, 2021 at 10:33 PM

PK

RIP my friend. I remember the fun times we had at SCHS. I shall miss you bro.

Philip Kaeser - July 03, 2021 at 09:10 PM

EK

“ Cort welcomed our family to Stamford just over 5 years ago and instantly made us feel at “home” on Yale Ct. We will miss you as a trusted neighbor and friend!! Love, Mike, Emily, Theo, and Ryder

emily krol - July 01, 2021 at 08:24 PM

VT

“ My husband and I met Cort in Boston a few years ago. We met at the Cheers bar and we became friends instantly. We kept in touch after our trip and we will miss him 😭 rest easy our friend, Vicky and Rob Tomlin

vicky tomlin - July 01, 2021 at 06:52 PM

AE

“ Logistics soldier. A student of history. In service to veterans. That was Cort Mehl. Thank you for the difference you made in all you did. Rest easy now.

Archie Elam - June 30, 2021 at 09:40 PM

WB

“ Thank you for your service/

W/ A. Bliss III

Wilber Bliss - June 30, 2021 at 06:05 AM

RU

“ Here is a photo from the dedication to his Dad.



Ranae Kiesel Ursone - June 30, 2021 at 12:35 AM

RU

“ We were HS classmates. During the Gulf War Cort and my husband served together. We reunited from that time on. I was able to go to a ceremony honoring his Father's service at the Nimitz museum in Fredericksburg, TX. A life well lived. He will be missed.

Ranae Kiesel Ursone - June 30, 2021 at 12:20 AM

JT

“ One of the last Sunsets Court saw with me at his request. He just wanted to sit and watch the sunset and listen to some music. What a peaceful evening he was in pain but smiled so much that night.



Jessie Thompson - June 29, 2021 at 02:59 PM

RL

“ Cort

I remember meeting you at Zody's on evening. I sponsored you to join The Ponus Yacht Club. I believe that you came to our home for Thanksgiving Dinner one year. I am shocked and saddened by this awful news! You are a True Patriot and will be sorely missed by all that had the opportunity to know you.



Robert J Lammie

robert lammie - June 29, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JD

Saddened to hear of Cortes passing! A true officer & gentleman! Happy to have celebrated our 59th reunion together! May the choirs of angels come to greet you! Rest In Peace

Janet & Bob Deluca - July 01, 2021 at 10:14 PM

AR

It is with deep sadness that I learn of Cort's passing. I have known Cort since 1990 when we first met at the United States Army Reserve Center in Jamaica Hills New York. We were both mobilized during Desert Shield in 1990 and served on active duty in the same unit as colleagues, in the Kuwait Theater of Operation during the Gulf War. We both became very good friends during that time and occasionally kept in touch after we returned home. He was one of the kindest and most considerate people I had ever met. May G-d accept his soul with open arms and may he rest in peace.

Major Alan Reiter - Infantry (Retired)

Alan Reiter - June 05, 2024 at 08:31 PM