



# Kurt Edward Vogelman

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**K**urt Edward Vogelman was born on September 13, 1949 in Madison, Wisconsin. His earliest claim to fame was that he was in a national milk commercial at the age of 5! He attended elementary, junior high school, high school and college in Madison and grew up loving golf, skiing and art. He missed his high school graduation because he took a trip to Oahu to surf for the summer and ate rice and hot dogs every day for \$1. He studied art in college and was an accomplished painter. Given his interest in art, he played a lot of pool throughout college and just barely graduated. Upon graduation, he worked construction in Madison in the summer doing masonry work for his brother and then worked in Colorado at the Loveland Ski Area on the ski patrol in the winter. He soon met Diane in Loveland, who was also working in food service at the ski resort, and they fell in love and moved in together the day after their first date. They have been together ever since and January 1st would be their 45th anniversary. They then moved to Vail, Colorado the next year and he got a job doing masonry in the area. He borrowed \$5,000 from his mother to purchase a truck and a mixer and ultimately formed Vogelman West Masonry, Inc. The business quickly expanded to employ 240 employees with work in Aspen, Vail,



Steamboat

Springs, Colorado, Big Sky Montana and a project in Japan. The business flourished for 30 years

before the economy changed dramatically in 2008 and Kurt and Diane finished projects for the

next 3 years before closing shop.

They started spending time in Hawaii in 1999 and ultimately spent several months a year on

Maui. Their time was split between Colorado, Mexico and Maui until deciding in 2021 to make

their permanent residence on Maui.

Kurt had a great love of music. All kinds of music and would studying artists and music from all

corners of the world.

He and Diane loved their time exploring the world. Diane and Kurt windsurfed at favorite spots

like Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and Corpus Christi. Kurt particularly loved traveling with

his hanai family and always seemed to be pushed to his limits in walking 30,000 steps in Cinque

Terra, Italy or eating at Dans le Noir (where you eat in the dark) and ended up covered with

food. A favorite spot was Rome, Italy where he couldn't seem to get enough time there.

Kurt loved his various communities on Maui. His golf buddies from the Maui Country Club were

great friends exploring all the golf courses around Maui. His Iyengar yoga community was

always a source of peace and laughter.

Most recently, his time at the YMCA with his Parkinson's class gave him a great amount of



## Obituary

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satisfaction as he wrestled with this complex disease. He died quickly and peacefully on

Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Kurt is survived by his wife Diane, his chosen hanai family: Wade and Pasang Johnson, son Peter

and daughter Maya. Siblings Eric (Lavine) Vogelmann, Carol Vogelmann, Reid Vogelmann.

Donations can be made in Kurt's name to:

Maui Family, YMCA

Parkinson's Program

250 Kanaloa Ave.

Kahului, HI 96732



## Tribute Wall

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**Abraham Hernandez** posted:

Hola this is Abraham from Punta Mita golf course, my best memory was to see him every day early morning coming from surfing and ready to change to play golf, talk to him was very very nice always there was something new to learn and to share, a new mexican phrase or a new story but what I always remember of him is he use to say to me and a good friend of us, tu si tienes madre pero Mike no tiene madre! that is a mexican phrase that made us laughs a lot.SinceralyAbraham

July 15 at 11:46 AM



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