



Russell Keith Thirkell

April 8, 1943 - April 26, 2018

Mr. Russell Keith Thirkell

North Augusta, SC - Memorial Services for Mr. Russell “Russ” Keith Thirkell, 75, who entered into rest on April 26, 2018 will be conducted Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 11 o’clock at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church. The Reverend Nancee Cekuta officiating.

Russ was a native of Washington, DC having made North Augusta his home for the past 12 years. He started his career in banking in Florida. His love for travel, led him to an international career in finance, bank re-structuring and environmental protection in countries including Albania, the Philippines, Indonesia, India, Poland, and Bulgaria under the US Treasury and USAID government contracts.

In Albania he met his wife Neusa, from Brazil, who worked for UNICEF, a UN children’s agency.

Russ enjoyed life most of all. He was a pilot and loved flying airplanes, electronics, music and especially traveling. During his travels, he loved meeting new people, learning about other cultures, and just being around others.

He was a loving husband and a generous and caring human being. He loved his family and friends, being a mentor to many who crossed his path. He was a good-natured person, who showed respect and acceptance towards others.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Juanita Thirkell, and a brother, Tom Thirkell, Sr.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Neusa Thirkell, and her family in Brazil; Brother Tom Thirkell's family; and his sister, Joyce Delk and family, as well as many grandnephews and grandnieces.

The family will receive friends in the church narthex immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Bartholomew's Rectors Discretionary Fund, C/O St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 471 West Martintown Road, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bartholomew 's Episcopal Church
471 West Martintown Road
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Keith Thirkell*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Russell Keith Thirkell*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

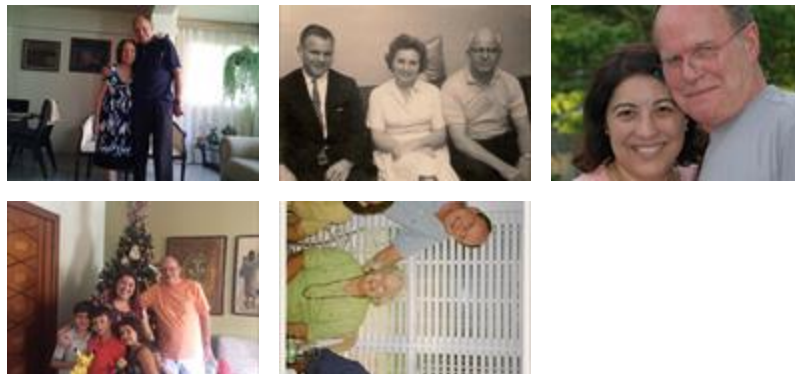


“ *I am not sure how to say goodbye to a person I loved and shared years of my life with. Russ you will always be in my heart and fond memories. I did not know you were I'll and only learned of your parting this week. I am so sorry I could not not say goodbye. My love to your beautiful wife and family 💕💕*

peggy wolford - October 03, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*



Cathy - May 02, 2018 at 07:57 AM

DS

“ *Everyone of us in Brazil miss Russ very much and we are gratefull to Neusa because she brought him into our family with his kindness and joy. Russ will be always in our hearts.*

Dalva Souza - May 01, 2018 at 08:38 PM

 Lisa França

Dalva said the right words. Brazilian friends also até grateful to have had Russ sharing our lives. Thank you Russ.

Lisa França - May 02, 2018 at 10:43 AM

JD

I am Russell's sister and I am truly glad that he found the great blessing who is Neusa....and so glad that he received the generous love of all her family in Brazil. That is priceless for me to know! He was a precious brother for me and I remember his being the addition to our family in 1943....an adorable baby who immediately stole me heart, even if I was only 4 years old at that time. I love you, Neusa, with all my heart!

Joyce Thirkell Delk - May 02, 2018 at 09:36 PM

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Sandy Zeller - May 01, 2018 at 08:06 PM

MR

Russ was a man with big heart. He helped other people in other countries and make them believe in bigger dreams. We worked with Russ in albania where he became as family manner for many of us. Russ helped develop the private banking system and private enterprise in the country. He drafted the first document for licensing the private banks in an ex communist country. Today there are more than 20 banks operating. He contributed with hard work, modesty and big smile in his face. We will miss him. Cheers Russ- will drink with your picture!!!!

Mishel Remacka - May 02, 2018 at 06:10 PM

JD

To Mishel R.....I am Russell's sister, and he told me of the great kindness of the Albanian people. He described his Albanian friends as amazingly caring and generous. I will never forget. He spoke with a genuine spirit of great respect for these qualities. Thank you for your comments!

Joyce Thirkell Delk - May 02, 2018 at 09:46 PM

MS

“ Russ was a great person. I am glad I was able to show him how much I loved him while he was still with us... Menira Souza his niece from Brazil.

Menira Souza - May 01, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Keith Thirkell.



May 01, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ *Russell was so much more than my uncle...he was my friend.* ”



Cathy Strassberg - May 01, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ *Russ was not just Uncle Russ, he was a grandfather to my children. We were so blessed to have a "Poppie Replacement", with him loving me and my children as if we were his own. We will miss him terribly and he will always hold a special place in our hearts! The Zeller Family* ”

Sandy Zeller - May 01, 2018 at 01:19 PM