

In Memory of Kurt J. Krause

To all the members of Local 13: Kurt and I want and need you to know that the love and support shown for us by any and all who came and/or supported us in spirit was appreciated and felt more than words can say. All Kurt ever wanted was to be loved and cherished as he loved and cherished others. In many, many ways, Local 13 and others like the union brothers and sisters have provided the family Kurt and I always wanted and needed.

Please know, if you don't already, that everything he did in life was done with purpose and deliberation, with a glance back at the past and a glance at the future for guidance. He loved, honored, and often trusted deeper than others loved, honored, and trusted him. Please take comfort in knowing that he always chose his own destiny, and do not cast blame on others or yourself. His bodily presence will be sorely missed, but he lives on through our memories of him and I know he is at peace. Our door is always open – always has and always will be, although that message may not have been clear.

Please further honor Kurt and me by showing particular respect to his mother Dorothy. She alone has been stellar in all of this tragedy.

Thank you again.

Wendy A. Krause
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