



Arlo U. Landolt

September 29, 1935 - January 21, 2022

After several months of failing health, Arlo U. Landolt died on January 21, 2022. He was born on September 29, 1935 in rural Southern Illinois. He attended a one room country schoolhouse about a mile from home where 8 grades were taught by one teacher. On cold winter mornings his mother would send him to school with a baked potato for each pocket to help keep him warm. For high school he was bused to a community high school where he graduated at the age of 16. He entered Miami University of Ohio and met many life-long friends. After one year of graduate school at Indiana University, he applied for and was accepted by the International Geophysical Year expedition led by Paul Siple to spend a year at the South Pole with a group of 9 other scientists and 9 Navy Sea-Bees and a Husky dog. Definitely a year to remember! Then he returned to Indiana and received his Phd. in Astronomy. He began observing at Kitt Peak and Cerro Tololo Observatories plus teaching at Louisiana State University. His love of Astronomy and its many organizations led to an interesting and exciting life of travel and meeting colleagues from around the world. He served on committees with many organizations being elected Secretary of A.A.S. for 3 terms. One year was spent working for the N.S.F. in Washington, D.C. Along with teaching, observing and working with organizations, he became reacquainted with a high school classmate, Eunice Casper, married her and helped raise her 4 daughters ages 6, 7, 8, and 10 and then added another daughter of his own. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vesta and Arlo M. Landolt, his

brother Darrel Landolt and Darrel's wife Jane. He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, his daughter Jennifer Landolt Boutte (Troy), step-daughters Lynda Bess Burnett (Dean), Barbara Bess Madara (Jerry), Vicky Bess, and Debra Bess Cotten (Thomas), 13 grandchildren, Dr. Leslee Nissing Matheny (Logan), Brandon Nissing, Kevin Nissing (Kayla), Dr. Erin Madara McCallister (Martin), Dr. Elise Madara Lavie (Nick), Jason Arnet, Mark Arnet (Jackie), Kelsey Arnet Downey (Rob), Dr. Ashley Cotten Parrish (Bryan), Nicole Cotten Callac (Matt), Chris Cotten, and Jessa and Avery Boutte. Also left behind are sisters Faye Landolt Heller (Sonny), Sheryl Landolt Sauer (David), and sister-in-law Betty Casper Tschannen, along with many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and 6 delightful great-grandchildren. His hobbies were reading, walking, stamp collecting, taking care of fruit trees, L.S.U. football with the same season tickets for 50 years, old time country music, and telling and collecting puns. He will be remembered in the scientific community with the "Landolt Photometric Standard Star Catalog" and the numerous scientific papers contributed by him. He was a gentle, kind, loving and loyal man. A service of remembrance will be held at University United Methodist Church on Friday, Jan. 28 at 11:00 A.M. with visitation at 10:00 A.M. followed by a reception after the service. The family would like to thank the staffs of Skilled Nursing of Landmark, Southside Gardens Assisted Living, and the Hospice of Baton Rouge for their loving concern and care. Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Eunice. Carol Hundsdorfer*

Carol Hundsdorfer - January 26, 2022 at 10:02 AM

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“ *I knew Arlo from my time at Kitt Peak National Observatory. Arlo had the distinction of being the first visiting scientist. He was a good scientist and a good person. He will be missed.*

Dale Schrage



Dale Schrage - January 25, 2022 at 12:51 PM