



Randall A. Meeker

July 26, 1952 - September 23, 2022

Peacefully, on his terms, with strong family support, at his home, Randy Meeker of Whitehouse, Ohio finished his earthly journey on Friday, September 23, 2022. Randy is the son of Bob and Pat, late of Sylvania. He is a graduate of Sylvania High School and the University of Toledo.

He also lived in Colorado and Connecticut, and in the hearts of scores of fellow sailors, hundreds of co-workers and the most talented musicians in the area. Over fifty years of performances in barrooms and the Cattle Barons Ball, in basements and 10,000 person concerts, garages and the House of Blues, his expertise and virtuosity filled every soul nearby.

He could ski strongly, fix anything, (especially electronically), tie flies, sew quilts, winch a mainsail in a half gale, replace the headers on your SUV and generally solve any problem. His wit, philosophy, shrugs, eyebrow raises, eye rolls and half smiles live on!

He worked in information technology for over forty years including being the lead at Connecticut Mutual, Industrial Metalcraft, SARCOMM, Midwest Center and in a multiplicity of roles at Libbey Glass, Toledo Hospital, QWest, the University of Toledo and many more. He was a supreme IT help desk leader and mentor, learned to be a server tech in his sixties and worked on Univac, Wang and very early IBM PCs in the 1980s.

His music is still with us. He is a "redneck mother's son" in his only vocal number, a soulful and evocative multi-instrumentalist and a collector of exquisite and beautiful instruments. Especially he knows the pedal steel guitar showing mastery in multiple nuances and genres. His enormous collection of recorded music and ability to play it live, or to help others learn their part and perfect it, was a resource for those closest. With exacting and fabulous production skill, he incorporates more equipment than a medium sized music studio.

His iPad contains 22,547 recorded songs from his personal collection, most of which he could play or pick. Bands, too many to name include Southbound, the Porch Honkys and Rodney Parker & Liberty Beach. He remains a humble, self-effacing, gentle giant of a man to so many to whom he was equally devoted.

Randy is survived by his daughter, Beth Nieckarz; grandchildren, Will, Ben, Charlie and Emily Nieckarz; Nick (Katie) Meeker; Logan and Peyton Meeker; and Linda Meeker. Randy is brother to Bob and Penny Meeker, Matt and Ginny Meeker, Marcia Meeker and Al Scutchfield, Mary and Tom Ensmann; and uncle to multiple nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation is being encouraged Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 3:00pm – 7:00pm at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave. The service of celebration will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 11:00am at the funeral home. Burial will be private, for the family members, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Toledo Botanical Gardens.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Celebration of Life

SEP **29.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ I am saddened to hear of Randy's passing. He was a good man, a gentle soul and we shared the love of steel guitar. Godspeed Randy, your work is done.

Dave Cubbedge - September 28, 2022 at 11:39 AM

JL

“ My condolences to the Meeker family. I first met Randy back in the 70s during his brief association with my band. We had the opportunity to jam with a national act and needed a keyboard. Randy was supporting our efforts and supplied his expertise and keyboard for the show..we were very grateful. Lets all hope that Randy is now jamming with some great afterlife band!..RIP.

*Jon Lemerand
Friend*

Jon Lemerand - September 26, 2022 at 02:11 PM

CG

“ Christine Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of Randall A. Meeker



Christine Grant - September 26, 2022 at 11:17 AM

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He was a master at whatever he put his hand to. May your memories comfort you in the days to come.

Christine Grant - September 26, 2022 at 11:18 AM