



## Cecil E. Flora Jr.

October 28, 2020

Cecil E. Flora, Jr passed in peace, Wednesday October 28th at the age of 72. He is survived by his partner of 24 years, John Detlie. Loving brother of Bart Flora and the late Indie Mae Kuebler and brother in law to Janis Flora. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cecil was born in Virginia to Cecil E. Flora, Sr (of Pine Ridge Stables of Virginia Beach) and Laura (Goodwin-Flora) Brown. He graduated from Kellam High School in Virginia Beach and was a grand champion horse trainer and showman in his youth and won many awards. Cecil worked at Parks and Recreation for the City of Virginia Beach, and Farm Fresh Supermarkets. He retired from Acqubob Arabian Farms in 2013. Cecil and John Detlie met in 1996 and they had a loving relationship for the past 24 years.

Cecil was an avid horse lover and active member of the Virginia Arabian Horse Association. He enjoyed walking along the refuge at Sandridge Beach, baking all kinds of cakes, cookies, candies, and he loved watching westerns and listening to music. Adele was one of his favorite artists. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

He did not want this to be a sad day in our lives. So please, for him...for all of us...lets take a moment to shift our thoughts from how much we'll miss him to one of your own funny, joking, laughing, happy and comical memories you shared with Cecil...and there were many for all of us. So briefly...relive it...enjoy it and SMILE!

# Comments

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“ Cecil was my first & BEST riding instructor over at Shorecrest Hilton in Hampton, VA in the early to mid 1970's. I will always remember him as being kind, thoughtful, and very sensitive. He saw my potential & encouraged me to pursue my love of horses and riding. I have thought of Cecil often over the years, and now seeing that he has earned his Angel wings... tears want to come. But knowing that his wish for us are smiles & laughter, I will remember the looks on both Cecil's & RB's faces when RB came to a dead halt at a jump in the middle of the pasture... and I ended up flying over RB's head & landing flat on my back. I've seen a human's jaw drop, but this was a first (and only one time) with a horse! Last but not least, Cecil will be remembered for his first & adamant words as we began each class: "Heels down, toes in!" And I will never forget that, as he used my foot as an example in quite a few classes.....

Rest In Peace, dear friend. Love & blessings to you always....

**Pamela A. Bretschneider** - November 25, 2020 at 10:10 AM

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“ Cecil was my friend and classmate at Kellam High School. We graduated together in 1967. He was always such a very nice person. I later met several of his relatives (Debbie Flora McCrickard, for one, who is a dear friend of mine today) and I would ALWAYS ask about Cecil. We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad and difficult time. May God bless you always.

With deepest sympathy,

Patti and Joe Giancola

**Patti Giancola** - November 05, 2020 at 02:28 PM