

Randall Herington, 54

Randall K. Herington, 54, Yorba Linda, California, a former resident of Alexandria, died July 28, 2005 of cancer at the USCA Hospital in Los Angeles, California.

Randy was born in Independence, Iowa to Kenneth and Marjorie Herington. His family later



moved to Alexandria where he graduated from high school in 1968. He graduated from St. Cloud University in 1972 and then received a graduate degree from the

American University in Washington, D.C., and began working in 1977 as an aerospace engineer for the NASA Space Shuttle program.

He later moved to Yorba Linda, California and worked for the space shuttle program in the offices at Huntington Beach, Downey and Palmdale. He was part of the 'refurbishing' of the space shuttles when this work was done in Palmdale.

NASA honored Randy at the funeral by having Johnson Space Station representative Nanette Cerne present the Herington family with a large picture of the Discovery Space Shuttle as it blasted off on the July 13, 2005 space journey and a United States flag that was flown over the Johnson Space Station on that day. That flag was flown again over the Johnson Space Station in Houston, Texas at half-mast in honor and memory of Randy the day after his death.

Survivors are his wife, Linda; daughter, Alyssa; sons, Kenneth and Thomas, all of Yorba Linda; his mother, Marjorie Herington of Branson, Missouri; and a sister, Jolené Herington of Mound.

He was preceded in death by his father; and his grandparents, Floyd and Josephine Wood and William and Mabel Herington.