



Marvin Joel Wittenstein

April 4, 1945 - April 16, 2026

Marvin Joel Wittenstein was born on April 4, 1945, in Brooklyn, New York, and passed away peacefully on April 16, 2026, at his home in Ormond Beach, Florida. He was 81 years old.

Marvin graduated from Bessemer High School in 1963. He went on to earn his undergraduate degree in Mathematics from the University of Alabama and later received his master's degree from The University of Phoenix. He built a distinguished career as a senior logistics software engineer with McDonnell Douglas and later retired from Boeing in 2002.

During his career at Kennedy Space Center, Marvin played a pivotal role in the space shuttle program. He wrote the programming that operated the robotic arm of the payload bay for all space shuttle orbiters.

He was also the team leader for software development for all payload and satellites for the Boeing rocket program. This work was vital to mission success and astronaut safety, earning him the prestigious Silver Snoopy Award—an honor awarded by NASA astronauts to fewer than 1% of NASA employees for outstanding achievements related to human flight safety and mission success.

Marvin was an outstanding bridge player and enjoyed watching westerns, cheering on the Orlando Magic, and supporting his beloved Crimson Tide football team.

He was a loving and devoted father and a man known for his unyielding work ethic, as well as a proud US Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Cleo; his children, Matthew Wittenstein (Caitlin) and Christy

Vongartzen (Brian); his sister, Gail Wittenstein; his niece, Tara Goff Huner (Richard); and many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Yetta Wittenstein (Winter), and his sister, Rhonda Goff.

Graveside services will be held at Beth El Cemetery in Hueytown, Alabama, on Tuesday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m.

Beth El Cemetery

1734 26th Avenue

Hueytown, AL 35023

Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Godspeed, Marvin. You will be missed. Move your hair, Christy, so he can see the pearly gates.
I love you both...*

*Always,
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M. Dennany - April 20 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Alanna,, Rob, and Athena purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Marvin Joel Wittenstein.*



Alanna,, Rob, and Athena - April 20 at 07:44 PM

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“ *Alanna,, Rob, and Athena planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin Joel Wittenstein.*

Alanna,, Rob, and Athena - April 20 at 07:44 PM