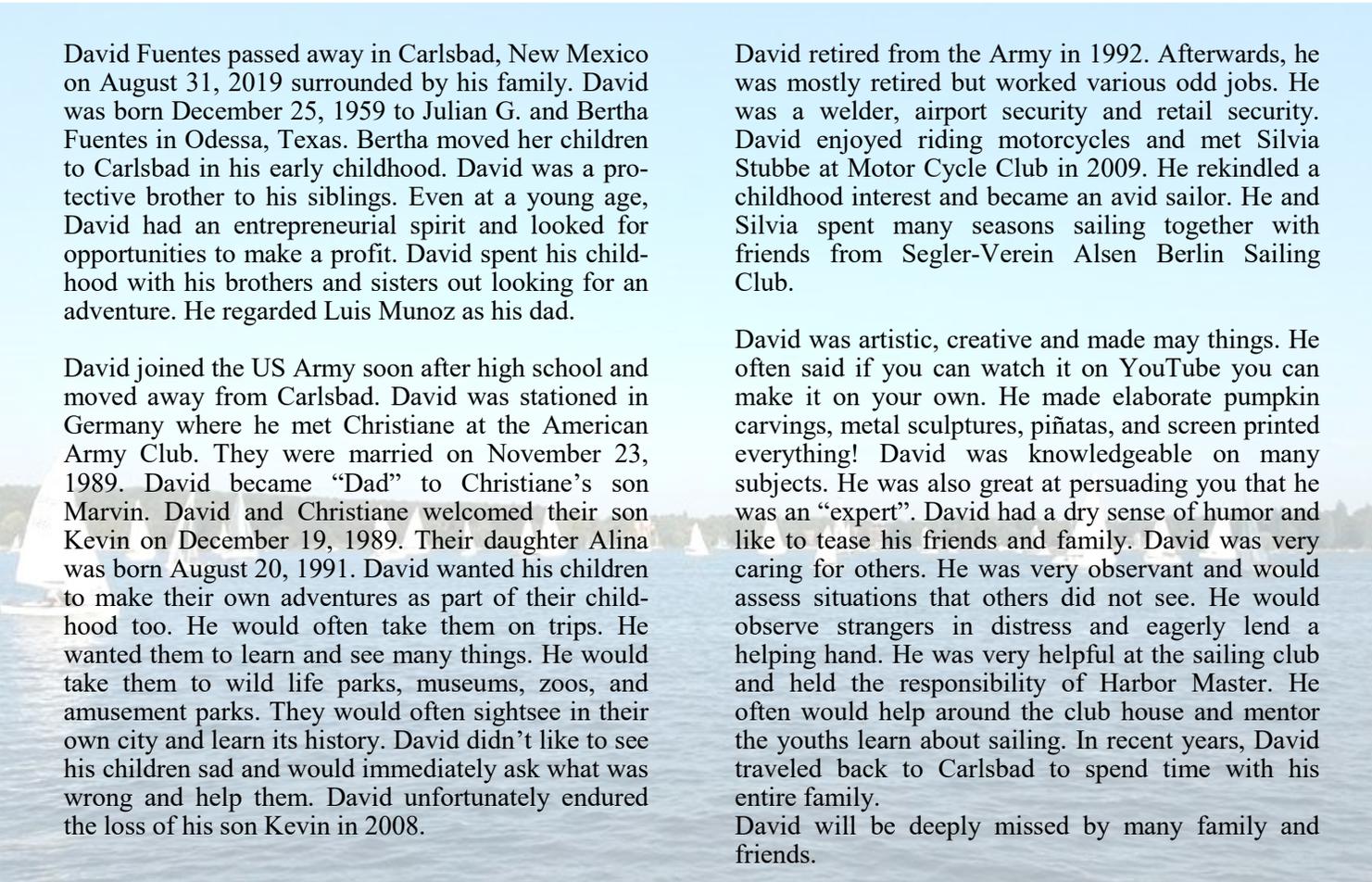


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David joined the US Army soon after high school and moved away from Carlsbad. David was stationed in Germany where he met Christiane at the American Army Club. They were married on November 23, 1989. David became “Dad” to Christiane’s son Marvin. David and Christiane welcomed their son Kevin on December 19, 1989. Their daughter Alina was born August 20, 1991. David wanted his children to make their own adventures as part of their childhood too. He would often take them on trips. He wanted them to learn and see many things. He would take them to wild life parks, museums, zoos, and amusement parks. They would often sightsee in their own city and learn its history. David didn’t like to see his children sad and would immediately ask what was wrong and help them. David unfortunately endured the loss of his son Kevin in 2008.

David retired from the Army in 1992. Afterwards, he was mostly retired but worked various odd jobs. He was a welder, airport security and retail security. David enjoyed riding motorcycles and met Silvia Stubbe at Motor Cycle Club in 2009. He rekindled a childhood interest and became an avid sailor. He and Silvia spent many seasons sailing together with friends from Segler-Verein Alsen Berlin Sailing Club.

David was artistic, creative and made many things. He often said if you can watch it on YouTube you can make it on your own. He made elaborate pumpkin carvings, metal sculptures, piñatas, and screen printed everything! David was knowledgeable on many subjects. He was also great at persuading you that he was an “expert”. David had a dry sense of humor and like to tease his friends and family. David was very caring for others. He was very observant and would assess situations that others did not see. He would observe strangers in distress and eagerly lend a helping hand. He was very helpful at the sailing club and held the responsibility of Harbor Master. He often would help around the club house and mentor the youths learn about sailing. In recent years, David traveled back to Carlsbad to spend time with his entire family. David will be deeply missed by many family and friends.



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