



Colonel John Morton Parker USAF (Ret.)

July 9, 2017

Col. John Morton Parker USAF (Ret.), 93, of Georgetown, Kentucky and Sarasota, Florida, died July 9th, 2017, of natural causes. He was a career military officer, achieving the rank of Colonel.

John was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and the Legion of Merit, and the Air Medal for his service during the Vietnam war. He was Wing Commander of both the 509th and 380th Bomb Wings and was a certified pilot in twenty-eight aircraft. After John retired from the Air Force, he became the Executive Director of the Sarasota Board of Realtors, holding that position for more than twenty years.

John was the patriarch to a large family spanning four generations: daughter and son in law, Linda and Barry Allen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; daughter Karen Richardson of Sarasota; son, Gerald Parker, of Lexington, Kentucky; step-daughter and son in law Trish and Wayne Farrell of Sarasota; step-daughter Ellen Case of Bradenton, Florida; grandchildren: Andrew, Kate, David, Stacey, Stephanie, Jon. Step-grandchildren Charlie, Molly, Mary, Sarah, Andy; great-grandchildren: Haleigh, Emma, Jessica, Natalie, Liam.

John lived all over the world, was an avid writer and played his Taylor guitar every day. He loved to entertain for family and friends. He was an excellent golfer and was a mentor to many people from various walks of life. He was

truly a one-of-a-kind man's man, war hero, loving father and grandfather.

John will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. There will be a local Celebration of Life, time and place to be determined.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My boss at Carswell AFB. A highly respected officer. I grew and enjoyed working under him. Fine memories.*
Steve Fish, Colonel USAF Retired

Stephen B Fish - March 25 at 05:46 PM

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“ *Martha and I express our deepest sympathy to John's family in this time of great sadness. God bless each of you.*

Martha & Don Kellum - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sympathy to the family of John. I enjoyed working him as a fellow AE. He definitely gave me some professional tips over the years.*

Linda Pizarro - July 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM