



Colonel Raymond Walter Kahl Jr.

December 6, 1928 - August 5, 2018

Colonel Raymond Walter Kahl Jr. 89, USAF (Retired) , passed away August 5, 2018 at Tidewell Hospice.

Raymond was born on December 6, 1928 in Auburn , New York to Madeleine Sauve Kahl and Raymond W. Kahl Sr. As a young man, he enlisted in the Air Force and completed basic pilot training in 1953, graduating from Vance Air Force base in Oklahoma. He went on to serve for over 20 years having been assigned to posts in Brazil and Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. After retiring from the Air Force, he operated an aerospace business in Brazil, from which he retired in the early 90's. Ray and Cecilia moved to Sarasota and have been enjoying a retirement full of grandkids and travel.

While stationed in Brazil he met Cecilia Helena , his bride of 53 years. They have 3 children , Michele and Neil of Tampa, Alan and Adriana of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Eric and Dana of Sarasota. Raymond's family was his pride and joy and during family get togethers, you could always find him at the grill, making caipirinhas or in the pool with grandkids Gabriel, Luisa, Alexandria, Jack and Tyler. He enjoyed traveling and did so extensively, loved animals and was known to feed wild foxes and other creatures from a plate at his front door.

Raymond is survived by his beautiful wife, Cecilia, sister, Marcia O'Connell , nieces Lisa Winborne and Jodi Beasley, and nephews Merrill Kahl and Tom O'Connell along with a large extended family both in the US and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. His life will be celebrated on Friday, August 17th at 11 am with

a Mass at The Church of Saint Patrick, located at 7900 Bee ridge Road, Sarasota followed by interment at Sarasota National Cemetery, at 1 pm. The family would like to thank the nurses and aides from Take Care Private duty home health care and the lovely staff at Tidewell Hospice for their time and loving care these last 2 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Raymond's name to the Disabled American Veterans at www.secure.dav.org/donate

Tribute Wall

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“ My heart goes out to the family.i knew Ray in the 50ties when he was stationed at hafb.here.in Savannah, ga.have never forgotten him, God bless. Betty

Betty Creech - October 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. I had several enjoyable conversations with Ray, on the phone & through email regarding our shared family history in Auburn, NY. My grandmother was Lena Kahl, married to Eugene McCarthy. Kind regards, Dave & Mary McCarthy, Auburn, NY

August 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ray will always be remembered by our family as a wonderful friend who generously shared his time and talents with his pals. He and my husband Don played gin rummy in many lands and enjoyed a bonded friendship that didnt end when Don passed away as he and Cecilia continued to treat me with kindness one would expect only from family. They are truly precious friends.
Allene Hazeltine

Allene Hazeltine - August 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM