



Daniel Grady Lester

November 21, 1933 - April 2, 2023

Daniel Grady Lester passed away on Sunday, April 2, 2023. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 64 years, Marlene Elizabeth (Groetz) Lester. He is survived by his sons Michael (Greg Arencibia), Christopher (Jenny) and Thomas (Louise) and grandson Steven.

Born in Savannah, GA on November 21, 1933, he spent his childhood in Lakeland, FL with his sister Janet (Jan) Barger. In January 1951, he enlisted in the US Army at 17. He was soon on a ship to Korea where he was trained as a radio operator/repairman. Upon leaving Korea, he spent the remainder of his enlistment in West Germany.

Dan met Marlene in San Francisco, and they were married on May 26, 1956. He traveled extensively as a construction engineer overseas and domestically. He graduated from the University of North Florida in 1986 with a Bachelor of Technology. In December 1988 he founded Southeastern Communication Service, Inc. in Sarasota, FL which predominantly constructed infrastructure for the cellular communication industry. He grew the company to over 50 employees before selling it and retiring on July 19, 2006.

He and Marlene were longtime parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Osprey, FL where they often delivered groceries to migrant families. He enjoyed traveling and ballroom dancing with Marlene as well as boating and

fishing.

A mass will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church on May 4th at 10:00am and he will be laid to rest at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to UNICEF or the Salvation Army which provided care packages to Dan and fellow soldiers in Korea.

Previous Events

Mass

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
425 S. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, FL 34229