



Donald Lerner

December 15, 1935 - July 30, 2021

Donald Lerner of Sarasota Florida passed away, after a long illness, on July 30, 2021, at home in the presence of his loving wife, stepdaughter and a dear friend.

Don was born in St Louis, Missouri, the son of Rose and Louis, aka Louie Lerner, both deceased. He was the beloved brother of Bobby and the late Susie Lerner.

Don graduated from Western Military Academy in Alton, Illinois, where he excelled in football, baseball and wrestling. After graduation, he joined the United States Army in the advanced infantry division. He was sent to Panama to train in jungle warfare and cut trail through the jungles of Central America.

After leaving the military, Don joined the CH Robinson company, running their Chicago office. He took an early retirement when the company went public and moved to Florida.

Don touched many lives over the years with his generous philanthropy. His passion was helping to improve the lives of foster children. He and his wife Sharon traveled across the country visiting and helping to fund foster care facilities. During their travels, they met and adopted their youngest child.

Don is survived by his wife Sharon, 6 children, their spouses, 9 grandchildren, stepdaughter, her spouse and two step granddaughters.

There will be a celebration of Don's life on October 8th at 11am at the National Cemetery in Sarasota, Fl.

In lieu of gifts, please make a donation to the foster care facility of your choice.