



Jack Veeger

August 2, 1926 - August 13, 2016

Jack Veeger, 90, of Sarasota, FL, passed away on August 13, 2016. A husband, poet, world traveler, avid cribbage player and lover of words, Jack was born August 2, 1926 in the Netherlands.

He volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant/ Interpreter following the liberation of the Netherlands in 1945 and graduated from the University of Nijmegen in 1946 with a degree in journalism. He emigrated to the United States in 1953, settling in Chicago, Illinois, where he met his wife, Isabella "Bobby" Roberts; they married in 1957.

He launched his own company, International Trade Corporation, Inc, in 1963, a career that took him and his family abroad often. He and his wife moved to Sarasota in 1980, a community that he embraced as his hometown for over 35 years. Following retirement in 1995, Jack and Bobby satisfied their wanderlust by traveling the world, including all 7 continents. Retirement also afforded him the opportunity to rediscover his passion for writing, and he became a prolific poet, writing over 40 volumes of poetry, including "Sarasota - A Tribute in Verse and Vision" and a recently completed autobiography in free verse called "An Odyssey Quite Mine". He was active in the community as a volunteer and board member at Resurrection House for the homeless and Gloria Musicae Choral Artists of Sarasota.

Jack is survived by his wife of 58 years, his children Martin Veeger, of Sarasota, and Anne Veeger (Patrick Craft), of West Kingston, RI, grandchildren Alex and Sarah Craft, and niece Lila Roberts of St. Louis.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday August 20, 2016 from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM with a celebration of life service to follow at 3:00 PM at Toale Brothers Funeral Homes, Gulf Gate Chapel, 6903 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

The family has requested dress casual, colorful dress is appropriate for this celebratory event.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Humane Society of Sarasota County or the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast.