



James Russell Constantine

December 27, 2022

James Russell Constantine, of Venice, Florida, passed away peacefully while in hospice care, Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at the age of 99, after a brief hospitalization.

Born in Duluth, Minnesota, he married his high school sweetheart, Genevieve Marie Roberts, and attended Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He enlisted in the military, becoming a Naval Aviator, and served in the Pacific Islands at the end of World War II. Among his tours of duty, he commanded Attack Squadron VA-35 attached to the USS Saratoga, was named Air Boss of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt. He attained the rank of Captain before retiring in 1969, and moving to Melbourne, Florida.

After acting as a project manager with Radiation, Inc., he accepted a position as adjunct professor with Florida Institute of Technology, now Florida Tech, where he taught aviation, navigation, airport planning and other flight-related courses for close to 20 years and created the school's highly successful Training with Industry program.

In addition to teaching and mentoring students, he built a deep-sea charter boat business and enjoyed golfing.

After his wife's passing in 1983, he continued teaching, met and married the second love of his life, Mary Lou Sayler of Gilman, Illinois, and continued to develop the Training with Industry program. They later retired to Venice, Florida, where Mary Lou passed away in April of 2022.

He is survived by daughters Joanne (Jack) Hegarty, and Janice A. DeJulio, grandchildren Amanda (Michael) Brahler and Todd (Andrea) Johnson, and great grandchildren Max Brahler, Isabel Brahler, Stella Brahler, and Kasey Rodriguez, as well as the adult children of Mary Lou: Julie Ecker, Becky (Roger) Hart, Jim (Candy) Sayler, Brad Sayler, their children and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday February 8, 2023, at 2:00 PM with military

honors at Venice Presbyterian Church, 825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34285.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Constantine was one of my Professors at FIT in 1979. He was always a very encouraging, positive mentor. He truly taught us the meaning of networking. I'm so glad he lived a long, happy life. A true gentleman and friend. Brian Keene*

Brian Keene - February 16, 2023 at 01:57 PM

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“ *Marty and Peter purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Russell Constantine.*



Marty and Peter - February 06, 2023 at 02:20 PM

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“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*



Amanda Brahler - February 04, 2023 at 12:02 PM

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We have so many wonderful memories of fishing with Grandpa. He was always so patient and calm and a great teacher. In 2008 our oldest son Max (age 2 1/2) got a chance to fish with his Great Grandpa for the first time. Of course I was nervous and worried as a first time mom, but Grandpa had complete faith that Max could do it and he did!

Amanda Brahler - February 04, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Russell Constantine.*



January 30, 2023 at 02:53 PM