



James Joseph Vendola

September 5, 1946 - January 4, 2024

James Joseph Vendola of Sarasota passed away January 6, 2024. Born September 5, 1946 in Newark, NJ, he moved to Sarasota in 1980, where he was a Licensed General Contractor for over 40 years.

Jim was in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970, serving in Viet Nam as an intelligence operations specialist, and the recipient of the Bronze Star. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and Engineering Science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Gourmet cooking, boating, fishing, scuba diving, and golfing were his favorite hobbies, and he always enjoyed a nice Scotch with a good cigar. Following retirement, he and Berna, his wife of 35 years, traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and many European countries. Jim was a kind and loving person, always generous with his time to help his family and friends; and everyone loved him. He will forever be missed.

Jim is survived by his loving family, including his wife Berna, daughter Melissa Miller (Jacob) of Lusby, MD, step-son John Wilson (Karen) of Bradenton, FL, step-daughter Susan Wilson Hulett (Josh) of Walla Walla, WA, grandchildren Nathan Swan (Cameron), Megan Swan, Ashley Swan, Reagan Miller, all of Lusby, MD, Ryan Wilson (Ariel) of Clearwater, FL, Evan Wilson (Noelle) of Fairbanks, AK, and great-granddaughter Selena Ferguson of Lusby, MD.

At Jim's request, there will be no service. If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please consider The Viet Nam Brotherhood Alpha Company, where Jim, aka "Intel" was a long-time member, at 7177 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34241.