



## John Trent Monaco

July 17, 1942 - July 11, 2020

Born July 17, 1942 in Macon, Ga., John Trent Monaco, son of Col. John Monaco, Jr., and Maril Monaco (both deceased), died July 11, 2020 at Venice Regional Hospital after a long challenge with Parkinson's.

John, known as "Jay" to his family, was an avid amateur radio operator who mastered Morse code and acquired his call sign as a teen. He loved all things "Mustang" including Ford Mustangs and P-51 Mustang fighter planes. After military training at Fort Ord, he learned Vietnamese at Army Language School and served as a special operations combat signal intelligence analyst in Vietnam during the war, intercepting and interpreting enemy communications. His civilian career took him to Hawaii, Johnston Atoll and eventually back to his hometown in Sarasota. There he reconnected with Barbara DeStoppelaire whom he dated many years earlier and they became a couple.

John leaves behind Barbara DeStoppelaire, sister Lyn Williams, Sarasota and brothers Toby Monaco (Lynn), Gainesville and Chris Monaco (Rose), Micanopy.

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“ I knew the Monaco family about 60 years ago when they lived in Virginia. Actually, Jay's sister, Marilyn, and I were good friends - but lost touch over the years. My intentions were to try to locate Marilyn after we moved here about seven years ago. I knew she had lived here at some point, but was unsure if she had stayed in the area. I would appreciate if my message could be passed to her and ask that she be in touch so we can arrange a reunion of sorts. My memories of Jay are few, however, I do have a funny one of him at a slumber party Marilyn had at her home when I was in the 7-8th grade. Will be glad to share it when we reconnect! I send my heartfelt sympathies to the family. I know he was a wonderful person and your sorrow must be overwhelming at this time.

*My name and contact information: Pat (Murray) Elder, 1100 Benjamin Franklin Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236. 941-260-8648. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future!*

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