



Lowell Richard Metheny

December 22, 1931 - November 30, 2016

Richard Metheny, resident of Sarasota, Florida, passed away peacefully at home on November 30, 2016, from a brief battle with cancer. Born on December 22, 1931, to Charles and Beulah Metheny in Jasper County, Illinois, he grew up in Rockford, Illinois and moved to Sarasota in 1981.

He is predeceased by his former wife, Donna Bennyhoff, and is survived by their daughter, Maureen Metheny Pierson and his granddaughters, Laura Lee Pierson and Rachel Ann Pierson and their father, Dave Pierson. He is also survived by his sister Delores Childers and her husband William of Rogersville, MO, brother Wayne Metheny and his wife Beverly of Gloucester, VA.

Predeceased by his parents Charles and Beulah Metheny and brother Darrell Metheny and wife Rosemary.

He is survived by his former wife Deb Metheny Hays, her sons Brandon, Christopher, Nathan, and Jonathan Mitchell, as well as his grandchildren, Autumn, Caleb, Janel, Turner, Allison, and Adam Mitchell.

He is also survived by his close friend Diana Meyers, her daughter Allison and his 'adopted' grandson Landon.

He served 4 years in the U.S. Navy as a photographer and retired as Deputy Fire Chief for Rockford, IL. He played basketball while in the Navy and continued to play through the Senior League at the YMCA. He played softball with church and senior softball leagues for over 50 years in which his team won several Senior World Series games. He was inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame in 1998.

He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Sarasota.

He was loved by many in the Sarasota community and could often be found watching games in his regular spot at Evie's Tavern.

Funeral services will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery, December 8, 2016, at 1:30 PM.

The "Celebration of Life" will be held afterward at Evie's Tavern, 4725 Bee Ridge Road.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Burn Association at Ameriburn.org.