



## Myer (Mike) Kolker

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Myer (Mike) Kolker Myer passed away after a long illness in Sarasota, Florida, on 03/04/2024.

Mike was born in Albany, New York, in 1928 to Samuel and Bessie Kolker and was the youngest of seven brothers and one sister.

Mike is survived by his older sister, Libby (Kolker) Godfried of Albany, NY, his daughter, Bettina (Kolker) Cullinane and his stepson, Barry Timmerman, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he received both Baccalaureate and Master's degrees in engineering. After college, Mike served in the Air Force as a lieutenant during the Korean War.

Mike married his wife Sylvia Jacobson in 1957.

He served as a project manager for Raytheon Corporation for the majority of his career.

Mike was a life-long outdoor enthusiast pursuing technical climbing, backpacking, and camping as well as Alpine and Nordic skiing.

Mike was active in the Appalachian Mountain Club as a member, leader, and officer and consequently was awarded honorary lifetime membership in that organization.

After retirement, he settled permanently in Sarasota in 2009 and became a resident of Plymouth Harbor in 2011.

Mike was a life-long learner attending classes initially at Harvard and then at colleges in Sarasota. He was an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels and served as Treasurer at his local synagogue.

Mike was devoted to his large and far-flung birth family who were all deeply fond of him and strove to remain in close and frequent contact through all the years of his life.