



Kendall E. Jacobs

October 20, 1946 - June 24, 2026

Kendall E. Jacobs, 79, of Sarasota, FL and formerly Orlando, FL died peacefully on June 24, 2026. Born in Oklahoma City, OK, he was the son of the late Dorothy Mae and Eugene Anthony Jacobs. Ken married Kristi Jo Jacobs in 1969. They had one daughter: Candace Renee Burke and four grandchildren: Brandon, Nathan, Lauren, and Emma.

Ken began his adventurous career as an Army helicopter pilot becoming proficient in a wide range of choppers including the UH-6 and CH-47, attaining the prestigious distinction of master aviator. Ken often said there was no greater thrill than flying among the clouds. His flying career took him to Viet Nam, Hawaii, and Fort Campbell, KY ending with a 10-year stint at the Pentagon. Ken was proud to be a founding father of the 160th Night Stalkers..

After retiring from the Army, Ken worked for Lockheed Martin first as a program manager then as an international trade show manager which included showcasing the Paris, Farnborough and Singapore Air Shows. He earned his undergraduate degree from Norwich University followed by his Masters from Pepperdine University. He is a lifetime member of the Daedalian Society and the Army Aviation Association of America.

Among his greatest accomplishments was being designated "The World's

Greatest PopPop” by his grandchildren and attested to by his license plate holder.

On the morning of June 24, he slipped peacefully into eternity, having lived a long and productive life. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and her husband, one sister and four grandchildren.

There will be a Shelter Service with Military Honors at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 SR 72 (Clark Road), Sarasota Florida 34241. Day and time will be announced soon. Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Events

Details are pending.