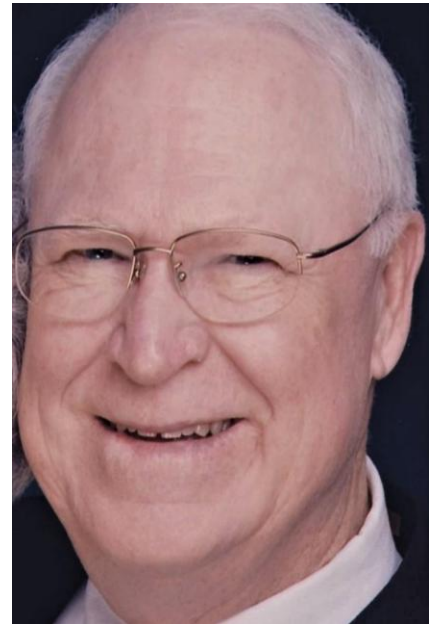


KENT RICHARD MANCHESTER

December 4, 1944 – September 6, 2018



The family of Kent Manchester sadly announces his passing on Thursday, September 6, 2018. He was comfortably ensconced at home and was surrounded by family and a lifetime of memories. Kent was born in Fullerton, CA, sharing a rambunctious young life with his parents and two siblings, and arriving in Fresno, CA, during that time. With the start of the [Vietnam War](#), Kent enlisted in the United States [Army](#) as a flight operations specialist, First Cavalry Division. He spent one year in Vietnam working alone at night in a bunker decoding incoming messages and surviving near-misses with a mortar shell and a tiger. To the end of his life, Kent maintained friendships with some of his "battle buddies". After returning stateside, Kent attended California State University, Fresno, in the business department, and began a life long love affair with planes. Kent accrued personal flight hours and experience, spent 30 years with the Air National Guard retiring as an E8 Master Sergeant, and worked for several airlines as a purchasing agent. All the while, making great friends along the way. Upon his retirement, Kent spent the remainder of his life traveling the world with his beloved wife of 17 years, Charlotte, who shares his joy of adventure. Along with friends and family, no river, mountain, or beautiful city was left unexplored. Throughout his life, Kent visited more than 40 countries, and 25 U.S. states, culminating in travels to every continent, except Antarctica. Being service minded, during his golden years Kent also became a volunteer with the Clovis Police Department, commencing with the inaugural class. Finding his perfect partner in Joe, Kent earned not only a reputation for being outspoken, but also his ten year service pin and a Nutter Butter cookie habit recognized by many a convenience store clerk. Kent is survived by his wife; four children; six grandchildren; and numerous family members. The family would like to thank the staffs of Hinds Hospice, and Right at Home; and caregivers Naley, Tiffany, and Jeanette, for their exemplary care and support of Kent during his time. A Memorial Service in his honor will be held at Boice Funeral Home, 308 Pollasky Ave., Clovis, CA, on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 12:00 noon, with an open house reception to follow at the Manchester residence. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks that remittances be made in Kent's name to the Wounded Warrior Project; or Clovis Police Foundation.