



Stanley L. Smith

November 28, 1936 - March 31, 2025

Stan grew up in a farming community in rural eastern Montana. As a young man, he set out for an adventure, joining the Air Force and training as an Avionics specialist. His career took him to diverse, far-flung assignments all over the world, including Alaska, Japan, Germany, Indiana, South Carolina, Arizona and Texas. He served a tour in Da Nang, Vietnam.

Stan met and married Jerry A. Sagstetter, a lifelong Educator, in 1963 and the couple had 2 children. Stan retired from the Air Force at Laughlin AFB and settled in Del Rio, Texas. He enjoyed fishing, exploring the desert backroads and had a long Federal Civil Service career as an Avionics Shop Supervisor. After retirement from Civil Service, Stan and Jerry moved to Richmond, TX to be closer to their children.

Stan was known by many names during his lifetime - Sonny, Smitty, Airman, MSgt...but we just called him Pops. He was a man of very few words who spoke volumes with his dedicated service, integrity and personal resilience.

Stanley L. Smith is survived by his son, MG (Ret) William L. "Len" Smith and daughter-in-law Col (Ret) Cynthia A. Smith of College Station, TX; his daughter Shelli L. McCaskill and son-in-law John McCaskill and grandson John McCaskill of Richmond, TX. In lieu of flowers, if you would like to honor Stan, spend time with a local veteran