



Joseph Nicholas Fiore

February 5, 1943 - May 12, 2017

Joseph Nicholas Fiore died May 12, 2017, surrounded by many loved ones. He was born in Rochester, NY, February 5, 1943 to Mary and Anthony Fiore. The family relocated to Las Vegas, NV when he was ten. He graduated from the University of Nevada Reno with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1967 and following Officer Training School, was assigned to the NASA Kennedy Space Center as an Apollo flight engineer and astronaut instructor. He was proud of his role working with the astronauts on the simulated capsule for Apollo 11, the first manned mission to land on the moon in 1969. He also worked at the Los Angeles Air Force Station as a Titan II launch vehicle mechanical systems engineer, a position he held until he was released from active duty as Captain in 1972.

He began his federal civilian career in 1972 with the Atomic Energy Commission, Department of Energy's predecessor organization in Las Vegas. He held several management positions, and retired as the Assistant Manager for National Security in 1999. During his long career, he epitomized a true civil servant and received numerous awards. He was presented with the Distinguished Career Service Award at his retirement.

Joe was an avid sportsman during his life. He participated in long-distance running as well as weightlifting. He was also active in pool and bowling leagues, winning multiple trophies and awards. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He had a fondness for animals and will be sorely missed by his two

pets, Habibi and Tiger. However, horse-racing was perhaps his greatest passion. He was a handyman who could fix anything from a can-opener to a car and took great pride in building his house from the ground up. Out of all that Joe achieved in life, the most important thing to him was that he made a difference in the lives of others.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Helene. He is survived by his wife Margarita, brother Nicholas, daughter Theresa, and step-children, Tania, Braulio and Gustavo. Also surviving him are nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and one sister-in-law.

A Church Memorial Service will be held May 26, 2017, at St. Thomas More Catholic Community, 130 N. Pecos Rd., Henderson, NV at 10:00 a.m.

Inurnment, will follow at 12:00 pm at Palm Eastern Cemetery, 7600 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, NV, where United States Air Force Honors will be rendered.