



Richard Lee Freienmuth

September 11, 1942 - February 17, 2022

Richard Lee Freienmuth, 79, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on February 17, 2022 in Las Vegas, NV. He was born in Topeka, Kansas to Emil and Velma Freienmuth on September 11, 1942. He was married to his beloved wife, Sonya, for over 50 years and they shared many adventures together. He lived, worked and traveled many countries around the world. He served his country proudly as a fighter pilot in the US Air Force for 20 years, flying as a Wild Weasel in Vietnam and retired as a Major. After retiring from the Air Force he continued working in both private and government sectors. He enjoyed flying, sailing, history, politics, photography, reading, watching sports and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Sonya Freienmuth, daughters, Pamela (Mike) Langsam and Kaylee (Daniel Fisher) Freienmuth. Grandchildren, Bryce Foster, Kolt and Phebe Freienmuth Fisher. His sister, Sandra Scott. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Freienmuth and his parents. He was kindhearted, loyal, honest, moral, fair, hard working, had a smile that made you smile, a dry sense of humor and was a true joy to be around. He is very loved and will be forever missed.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ So sad to hear about the passing of a great friend and brother Thud driver.

Randy Carlson - May 27, 2022 at 02:58 PM

HZ

“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

Hanspeter and Michele Zimmermann - March 10, 2022 at 03:17 PM

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“ Today I received information regarding the passing of Rich. Rich and I were coworkers at Columbus AFB MS from 2008 until 2017. Rich was one of the most professional flight instructors I have known. I enjoyed our conversations about his time as an F-105 fighter pilot in Vietnam. I learned a lot from Rich and we had great social interaction with our fellow coworkers and spouses. My wife, Cheryl and I send our sincere condolences and prayers to Sonya and the entire family. Rich will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Timothy Thomson - March 09, 2022 at 12:22 PM

GH

“ I just received word of Rich's passing. Such a grand and fun person to work and share time with at Columbus. His picture of "Ski Mississippi" at his desk was a statement of his love of life and pun'y outlook of life. Our prayers for Sonya and the family. He will be remembered fondly for his smile and wit.

GREGG and JOAN HAVENS - March 09, 2022 at 09:53 AM

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“ *Richard Lee Freienmuth*

Robert Engelbrecht - March 08, 2022 at 08:14 PM

JM

“ *Rich, fair skies and tailwinds my brother - Thud brothers are forever.
Where did the years go so quickly?*

John Miller - March 07, 2022 at 07:44 PM

SS

“ *Rich, I'm so sorry we didn't spend more time together as adults.
Charlie and I enjoyed our time with you and Sonya in Memphis and
other times we hung out together. Love you!*

Sandra Scott - March 02, 2022 at 11:30 AM