IN LOVING MEMORY

Col. William Earl Carr

BORN

October 17, 1938 Grant County, Arkansas

PASSED AWAY

May 12, 2022 Springfield, Missouri

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, 2:00 pm July 16, 2022 Cassidy United Methodist Church Nixa, Missouri

OFFICIATING

Pastor Steven Mitchell Pastor Suzanne Epperly

INTERMENT WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS

Monday, 9:00 am July 18, 2022 Missouri Veterans Cemetery Springfield, Missouri

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Col. William (Will) E Carr (U.S. Air Force, Ret.) age 83, passed peacefully in his sleep May 12, 2022, at James River Nursing Home, Springfield MO after a battle with Alzheimer's. He was born October 17, 1938, in Grant County Arkansas to James E. and Velma (Shell) Carr.

He graduated from Pine Bluff AR High School in 1956 and from National College in Kansas City MO in January of 1963 with a BA in Psychology. He married Delores (Dee) Kuehl in Pipestone MN on August 20, 1961.

In September 1963 he entered the Air Force Officer Training School and was commissioned in December 1963. Will was in the first group of officers who were trained as career Aircraft Maintenance Officers at Chanute AFB Rantoul IL. He served as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer in the Strategic Air Command (SAC). He served two tours at Hgtrs. SAC (Bellevue NE), as Aircraft Systems Manager and as Fleet Manager for B-52 and B-1 bombers. He was also assigned to the following combat aircraft units: 70th Bomb Wing at Clinton-Sherman, OK; 4258th Strategic Wing, SAC at U-Tapao Airfield in Thailand; 340th Bomb Group, SAC at Carswell AFB, TX; 7th Bomb Wing, SAC, at Carswell AFB, TX; 319th Bomb Wing at Grand Forks AFB, ND; and 380th Bomb Wing, Plattsburgh AFB, NY. He also served two years with the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan and two years as Director Quality Assurance, USAF Depot, Tinker AFB, OK. He retired August 1987.

Will loved reading – mysteries, history, religion. He loved gospel and country music.

Celebrating A Life



Col. William E. Carr

He enjoyed woodworking and made several small pieces of furniture that served a special purpose in a special place. He designed their home in Fremont Hills and served as the "Builder". He bought oak lumber and milled the trim and installed it. It is much more than straight boards. He built and installed a corner desk in the office using the wood floor as the top.

His passion after retirement was genealogy. He persuaded his brother to join him, and they traveled and researched together. He joined SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) and then again persuaded his brother to join. The "Carr Brothers" were active in their respective chapters and at the state level as long as they were able. They were both proud to be members of the Jamestown Society.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Velma Carr, brother Romie, sister Marjorie Gundolf and his niece Annette Tuberville.

Surviving are his wife Delores (Dee), daughters Lisa (Greg) George and son Branden, Sonya (Brad) Boydston and son Aidan, 3 step granddaughters, and 7 step-great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Carolyn Carr, her daughters Sharon (Stan) Bell and Susan (Dodd) Comeau-Vanek and family, niece Cynthia(Rey) Almodovar and son Justin and family, and Annette's family. Also surviving are Dee's family -- brother Norman (Mary) Kuehl, sisters Margaret Kelm, LaDonna (Glenn) Gravelle and Myrna Kuehl and their families.