



Edward Michael Thurn

August 30, 1944 - January 25, 2019

Edward Michael Thurn, 74, of Ft. Myers, FL, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 25, 2019. Formerly of Sparta, NJ, he had been a resident of Ft. Myers for the last 18 years. He was born August 30, 1944 in Aurora, IL, the son of Edward August and Elizabeth Jean (née Benson) Thurn.

Mr. Thurn graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School, Mt. Vernon, IL, and Marian University, Indianapolis, IN. He served in the US Army as a helicopter pilot flying in the 129th and 335th Assault Helicopter Companies during the Vietnam War, and completed his military service when he retired from the NJ Army National Guard. Ed worked as a journeyman air traffic controller in Indianapolis, IN for many years. Returning to his aviation roots, he flew for several corporations in New Jersey and New York before retiring as a Helicopter Captain from the Colgate Palmolive Corporation.

Ed had been an avid boater and golfer, and lifelong fan of the Dallas Cowboys. He enjoyed socializing with his friends, especially his twice weekly meetings of the “board of directors.” He had a unique style and lived his life on his own terms. His spirit lives on in the sky he loved, in the warm waters of the Gulf, and in the hearts of his friends and family.

Mr. Thurn is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Ellen L. Herr; his son Edward Brian Thurn of Indianapolis, IN; his twin sister Martha Ann (Edward)

Misker of Wintergreen, VA; sister Betsy (Thomas) Fusco of Owensboro, KY; and brother Paul Thurn of Ardmore, OK.

A memorial celebration for friends and family will be held later this year.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the US Army Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc.(www.armyaviationmuseum.org) or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - Family Owned Since 1978.

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“ *Edward Michael Thurn*

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