



## Michael Jerome Swenson

August 11, 1952 - March 29, 2024

Michael J. Swenson passed away after a lengthy illness surrounded by his loving family on March 29, 2024 in Temple Texas. He was born August 11, 1952 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He grew up in St. Petersburg Florida where he met his wife of 51 years, Terry Swenson. He is lovingly remembered by his daughter Karen Batson, grand daughter Lizzie Batson and son-in-law John Batson, Shannon Batson and Jack Batson. He is also survived by his brother Steve Swenson, his wife Gayle, his sister Sandy Swenson and sister-in-law Leigh Anne Zatlakowicz, nieces; Angela Lilly, Stephanie Farrell, Wendy Carter, Kristal Cole Urban and Tiffanie Cole, nephews Steven Swenson and Michael Swenson, their spouses and children.

Michael's 29 years of active duty service in the U.S. Army began as a medic in 1972. Following his first of two tours in Germany, he became a helicopter pilot. Much of his military career was spent as a maintenance test pilot of Kiowa OH-58 helicopters. In addition to the two tours in Germany he was stationed in California, Virginia, Missouri, Honduras, Texas, South Korea and Kentucky. He retired as Chief Warrant Officer 4 in 2001. After his active duty retirement his relationship with military members continued as an instructor and systems analyst for Computer Sciences Corporation.

Following Michael's second retirement he enjoyed learning to play classical guitar and photography. More than anything else, he loved being GranDaddy. Michael's wish was to be buried at sea in the Gulf of Mexico which was always his happy place.

Flowers are gratefully declined. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation in Michael's loving memory.