



Stephen Gaston Morton

April 21, 1947 - November 20, 2024

Stephen Gaston Morton, 77, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the Bailey Family Center for Caring, with his family by his side.

Born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, Stephen met the love of his life, Patricia, in high school. After graduating, the couple married on February 2, 1965, and began a life together filled with love and adventure. Stephen was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he proudly served his country and retired as a Master Sergeant.

Throughout his military career, Stephen and Patricia moved frequently, with their daughters being born in Germany and spending much of their childhood in Clarksville, Tennessee. Despite the many moves, Stephen remained a steadfast and quiet presence, always putting his family first.

Stephen was a man of few words, but his love for his family spoke volumes. He cherished spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, creating memories that will be treasured forever. His quiet strength, loyalty, and devotion to his loved ones will be deeply missed.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Patricia Morton; daughter, Tonia Barnes (Richard); 8 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Veronica Pridgen.

Stephen's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, and he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.