



## David Eugene Hopkins

March 31, 1943 - March 24, 2022

Lieutenant Colonel David Eugene Hopkins was one of four children born to Ralph Emmett, Sr. (Emmett/R.E.) and Ellen (Schreeg) Hopkins in Rensselaer, IN on March 31, 1943. Surrounded by friends and family, he passed away in March, 2022, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

David was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Kimberly Charles Hopkins, along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is survived by his wife, Judith K. (Brandenburg) Hopkins, and daughter, Shannon K. Hopkins, both of Georgia, and a son, Travis E. (Judy) Hopkins, of South Carolina. He is also survived by a brother, Ralph Emmett, Jr. "Pete" (Jana) of Arizona, two sisters, Janice Malchow of Dyer, IN, and Sue (Pat) Kanney of Rensselaer, IN, as well as grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dave attended high school in Rensselaer and later joined the Army. He served both domestic and abroad and was awarded the Purple Heart while serving in Vietnam. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Army and the Army Reserves. Following retirement, he was a pilot for Duke University's Life Flight program.

The Patriot Guard units from the proud states of Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Georgia carried Dave's remains from Mississippi to Georgia. They transferred his remains from state to state with the utmost pride and

respect. David loved his country and served it proudly.

The family of David expresses their heartfelt thanks to the Patriot Guard Units, doctors, nurses, and friends for your love and support. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Private burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *So sorry for your loss. Your brother sounds like a special guy that was dedicated to his country and community.* ”



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**Chuck and Jackie Malchow** - August 15, 2022 at 08:40 PM