

David Carl Sjolund (1935-2018) 83 , Gulfport, FL

David passed away on September 14, 2018 after a long illness.

He was born in Norwalk, Connecticut in 1935. After high school he enlisted in the Air Force, accepted a commission and was trained as an Electronic Warfare Officer, serving in the 55th Strat Recon Wing at Forbes AFB, KS, in the 1960s.

During his Air Force career he earned an Aeronautical Engineering degree from Auburn University. Serving in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict, he was awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses and numerous Air Medals. After a 21 year career he retired to embark on a civilian defense industry career in

Electronic Countermeasures working with Northrop, Litton and Hughes Aircraft for many years. David was licensed as a Professional Engineer in Florida. As a

lifelong sailor he was a member of Treasure Island Yacht Club and is currently a member of St Petersburg Yacht Club and Pasadena Yacht and Country Club. He

is a Life member of the Rolls Royce Owners' Club and he created, from his personal experience, a collection of hands on maintenance procedures that

members still use. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Sue and Linda, of Norwalk and his son, Kent, of Sarasota, FL. He is survived by his Son, Scott, of

Oakland, MD and his wife, Carol. A longtime handball player he supported USF's Recreational Dept. handball club and their interest in King High School handball

club. In the spring of 2018 he was honored by the USF handball club for longtime support, naming a local tournament for him. He was a supporter of local charities

and in lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the charity of your choice. He will be buried at the National Cemetery in Sarasota and a celebration of life at

Pasadena Yacht and Country Club will be scheduled in near future.