

## ***Charles Daniel Sneed,***



known lovingly to family and friends as Dan, passed away on June 16, 2025, leaving behind a proud legacy of service, devotion, and quiet strength. He lived a life anchored in love for his family and unwavering loyalty to his country.

Born October 1, 1949, to Maxie and Margaret Sneed, Dan cherished the deep bond he shared with his parents throughout their lives. He was a devoted brother to Sam and Rob Sneed, and to his sister Rebecca “Becky” (Sneed) Clark, all of whom survive him. He honored his roots and valued the lifelong connections that shaped him. Dan's deep love

for his country led him to serve with distinction in the United States Air Force. He enlisted in 1970 as a Russian Linguist and trained at Syracuse University through a total immersion program. His first assignment took him to Augsburg, Germany, where he worked in critical Cold War operations. In July 1973, he separated from the Air Force to attend the University of Kentucky. There, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the ROTC program, and upon graduation in 1976, he earned a coveted pilot training assignment at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. Dan had his first choice of aircraft out of pilot training, a reflection of his skill and discipline. He settled in Omaha, Nebraska, where he flew missions for the Air Force with great pride. From 1983 to 1985, he served in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, flying NATO AWACS – a testament to his steady hands and compassionate heart. He later returned to Offutt Air Force Base for one of the most prestigious assignments of his career: piloting the E-4 Airborne Command Post, one of the few 747s in the USAF inventory.

After an admirable military career, Dan separated from the USAF in 1987 with the rank of Captain. He carried his service quietly but proudly, never seeking recognition, yet always deserving of it. Charles Daniel Sneed will be remembered for his deep intellect, dry wit, and sincere kindness. He found joy in life's simple moments and peace in the company of his loved ones. He was a loyal son, a steadfast brother, and a true patriot. In accordance with his wishes, Dan's close family will gather for a private graveside service to celebrate his life and legacy.