Roger Charbonneau(1942 - 2018)

Roger L. Charbonneau, 76

Hyannis/Bradenton,FL - Roger L. Charbonneau, 76, died on August 29, 2018 at home after a long battle with Mesothelioma. Roger was born in Worcester, MA on December 24, 1942. He was the son of the late John and Rita (Frigon) Charbonneau. He is survived by his son Noel Charbonneau and his wife Wannapha of Bangkok, Thailand, Noel's mother Anne, his brother Ronald Charbonneau and his wife Marilyn of Davidson, NC, sister Janet Prunier and her husband Adrien of Grafton, MA and many nieces

and nephews and close friends. He graduated from South High in Worcester, Embry Institute of Aeronautics in Daytona, FL and East Coast Aero Technical School of Lexington. He served 3 years in the Army and was a Vietnam War veteran. He received the Army Commendation Medal for service as a Specialist Fourth Class and the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious service while participating in aerial flight." Roger was a pilot and flew for various airlines but the longest was with Island Airlines in Hyannis. While flying for Republic Airlines he received the Superior Airmanship Award for his outstanding skill in averting a potential disaster. He conducted a safe landing when his aircraft was severely damaged by a bird strike to the wind shield. He loved sailing his 30ft. sailboat in Nantucket Sound and running his power boat on the Manatee River in Florida. We would like to thank all his close friends who were there for him throughout his illness and especially the care he received at the end. All that you did is greatly appreciated. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his burial Friday September 28th at 2pm with military honors at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

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