



John R Dockendorff

February 13, 1937 - January 25, 2019

Retired Colonel John R Dockendorff, 81, of Basehor, Kansas, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019 surrounded by his loving family.

John (“Doc”) was born February 13, 1937 in Burlington, Iowa to Viola and Irvy Dockendorff. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1959 with a BS in Engineering before beginning a commission in the USAF as a 2nd Lt. He was an avid learner, receiving an MBA from Auburn University in 1975 and attending many USAF schools and trainings, including B-52 school, Pilot Survival, S.O.S., ACSC, and National Security Management.

Deeply devoted to his military career, John retired in 1989 after 30 years of active duty service and service in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserves. He also enjoyed his years of flying with Trans World Airlines (TWA) and in several personal aircrafts.

John married Nancy Conner on March 29, 1959 in Washington, Iowa. They cherished the adventures of traveling with the military and TWA and continued traveling into retirement in their RV. Through their travels, they met wonderful people and made friends from across the country.

He loved telling jokes and stories, like describing spending time with Evel Knievel and witnessing one of Evel’s first jumps. A mechanical engineer at heart, John loved tinkering with gadgets, engines and building and fixing things. His love of learning continued into retirement as he spent hours on the computer.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nancy; daughter, Jamie Stephens, and husband, Grant; daughter, Janet Gould, and husband, Gary; and grandchildren (Andrew, Conner, and Zachary Stephens; Kristen and Jake Gould). He is also survived by his brother, Jay Dockendorff, and wife, Lin, and their children (Julie, Jenny, and Jeff) and family.

A visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2019 at Davis Funeral Chapel in Leavenworth, Kansas. At 12:30 p.m., the visitation will be followed by a memorial service and a procession to his final resting place, Leavenworth National Cemetery at 150 Muncie Road. He will receive full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas Patriot Guard, c/o Ron Wurtele.