



## H. Joseph Kester

February 25, 1937 - August 25, 2017

H. Joseph Kester, 80, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 25, 2017 surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Joe was born in Danville, Pennsylvania on February 25, 1937 to parents Raymond and Mary Kester. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Engineering, and later received his master's degree in Business Management from Binghamton University. Joe was a U.S. Airforce veteran, and ended his military career as a captain. He was awarded the highest Air Force Commendation Medal for a specialized computer program long used throughout the Air Force. Joe then worked thirty-one years as an engineering manager at I.B.M. in Endicott, New York. He was a member of the Quarter Century Club, the Elks Club and the American Legion.

Joe was blessed with an intelligent, caring and affable personality, and cherished time spent with family and friends. He enjoyed music, and playing the piano for his family. You could also find Joe skiing, reading, fishing, golfing or on the tennis courts.

Joe is survived by his devoted wife of fifty-eight years, Roxanne Kester; his children, Stephen (Lauren) Kester, Susan Bugenhagen and James (Tobi Louise) Kester; his grandchildren, Krista, Matthew, Christopher, Aidan, Briant

and Cavan; his great-grandson, Logan; and his sister, Sally Kelly. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Richard and James.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 30 at Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church (2637 South Highway 17 Garden City Beach, SC). Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Condolences for the family may be offered online at [goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for being a great husband to our aunt, Roxanne, and a devoted and supportive father to our cousins, Steve, Susan and Jim. You brought many people together. You set a great example and it is rippling out into the world. With love from Kathy and Rich.

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**Kathy Lundgren** - October 01, 2017 at 09:26 PM

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“ Thanks for your service airman !!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - August 29, 2017 at 10:04 AM