

Obit

James E Hosch age 73 of Crystal River FL, passed away January 10, 2021 at his home under the loving care of his family. James was born on February 2, 1947 in Spokane, WA to James Elmer and Madge (Combs) Hosch. James was the only son of an Army Corp of Engineer's officer. His military family moved 20 times in 21 years. He lived in post WW II Germany and France and even in the Philippines. In fact he did not live in the US until he was 15. His father was naturally broken hearted when he joined the Navy over the Army. He was stationed on the USS Enterprise. He did tours in the Gulf of Tonkin. The Big E was also one of the American Fleet present at the taking of the USS Pueblo by North Korea in 1968. James graduated Mercer College of Pharmacy in Georgia and got his Masters from Georgia State. He opened one of the first home IV infusion companies in the US. In his younger days, he was an avid golfer. He almost turned pro until sustained a shoulder injury while snow skiing. He was involved in the Boy Scouts, Troop 26 of Palm Harbor Florida (the 2nd oldest troop in Florida). He was a Committee Member and part of the Old Goat Patrol. He loved restoring old cars. He and his son's and their friends restored three third generation Camaros. Jim was a certified scuba diver and certified single engine pilot. He studied Isshinryu style karate at Ingrams Professional Karate and earned a brown belt. After retiring he enjoyed life on the St Martin's River, captaining the pontoon boat The Rude Dog, fishing, RV'ing, and cruising the curves of the Ozello Trail in his 84 Camaro Z28, and of course spending time with his wife of 37 years, kids and grandkids.



Survived by his wife, Cynthia; three children, Christopher and his wife Stephanie Hosch, Clayton "Bo" and his significant other Deandria Allen, Nina Hosch; four grandchildren, Kalisa Hosch, Addie Hosch, Amelia Hosch, Manhattan "Manny" Jackson.

Memorial services with Military Honors will be held at 11 A.M. on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.