



Obituary Roger S. Adams

Born September 8, 1936, to Floyd and Evelyn Adams, Roger (Sherrill) was destined to make a positive impact in this world. He was raised in rural Florida in which he created many memories to tell his family. He is well known for his ability to tell a tall tale, numerous times and always funny. Sadly, Roger left us September 4, 2021.

In 1955 joined the United States Coast Guard (USCG). He proudly served his country while being stationed in North Carolina, Massachusetts, Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, Michigan, Alaska, and Oklahoma. While in the USCG, Roger (also known as Ace in the USCG) was awarded Air Medal, Secretary Commendation for Achievement Ribbon, Coast Guard Unit Service Metal, Four Good Conduct Metals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Navy Expeditionary Medal (Cuban Missile Crisis); Commandant Letter of Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution to the HH52A Maintenance and Management Review. His professional honors included being named one of 6 Outstanding Federal Employees for Professional Competency by the Greater New Orleans Federal Executives Association (1965); Top 100 U.S Treasury Employees for Professional Competence (1966); Governor of Michigan Military Man of the Year (1971); Douglas J Munro Award for Outstanding Coast Guardsman Worldwide for Professional Competence and Leadership by U.S. Navy League (1972). Very mechanically inclined, Roger was constantly thinking of how to improve things. Subsequently, he was the first person in the military to be issued a US Patent (1968) #3,380,688 for a Helicopter Hoist that was ultimately used by the U.S.C.G.; as well being acknowledged by the USCG as discovering and suggesting use of ultra-violet light for detecting aircraft oil leaks, suggesting installation of static ground receptacle near the HH52A rear fuel tank filler, and design change for HH52A main rotor mast cover. He proudly retired from the USCG in 1979. After the USCG he went on to work for Aerospatiale Helicopters, Spartan Aeronautics, and American Airlines. Ultimately, he returned to his old childhood stomping grounds and retired in Florida with his wife, Sally.

As a youth, Roger was active in the Boy Scouts and ultimately achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. With his love for scouting, he served in many leadership roles in Boy Scouts in various areas he was stationed. He was became involved with local community governments as a USCG liaison to improve relations through community service. He was a member of the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to United States Coast Guard Foundation <https://coastguardfoundation.salsalabs.org/donate> or Friends of Citrus County Animal Services at <https://friendsofcccas.org>

He is survived by his wife, Sally Smith-Adams, daughters Jennifer (Bobby), and Teresa (Rich), step-children Scott Smith (Wendy) and JoEllen Smith (Oscar), Granddaughters: Chandra Adams, Kristine Adams. Nicole Mayer, Kaitlyn Smith, Lindsey Smith and Evelyn Smith, Grandsons Gary Thomas, Bobby Thomas Jr., James Smith and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Mike (Marie) Adams.

Interment will occur at Bushnell National Cemetery in Florida at a later date.