

James Michael Petrovich, age 82, of Beverly Hills, FL passed away on October 13, 2023, at the HPH Hospice House in Lecanto, FL. James was born on February 20, 1941, in Cleveland, OH to Michael and Katherine (Petrus) Petrovich. In 1962, he left college to join the U.S. Navy to become a helicopter pilot and served in anti-submarine squadrons and HA (L)-3 Seawolves squadron in Viet Nam.

James went on to complete bachelor and master's degrees at the University of West Florida. After two decades of distinguished service, he retired from the U.S. Navy a decorated veteran with the rank of Naval Commander in 1982. He held a variety of positions in higher education, bank management, and nonprofit fundraising. He moved from Pensacola, FL to Levy County in 2005 and to Beverly Hills, FL in 2019. Throughout his life, James enjoyed time with his family, collecting and restoring cars, home restoration, woodworking, travel, and good food.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Petrovich.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Petrovich; two children, Jennifer Anne Petrovich and her husband Shadow Robinson, James Christian Petrovich and his wife, Rebecca; siblings, Joseph Petrovich and his wife Loretta, Katherine Jane Petrovich, Shirley Petrovich, Sally Veneri, Richard Petrovich and his wife Sandy and a sister-in-law, Paula Petrovich; one granddaughter, Dylan Rose Tompkins and one step-grandson, Elijah Quinn Robinson; many nieces, nephews, and their children.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL. The burial will take place at a later date at the Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL.