

Pierre Joseph Edward Champoux



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Pierre Joseph Edward Champoux, 80, of Panama City, passed away on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Pierre was born on October 1, 1942 in Montreal, Quebec. He was a Veteran, serving two tours in Vietnam as an Infantryman in the U.S. Army. Pierre worked as a commercial airline pilot and flight instructor for multiple regional airlines, including Antilles Airboats. He flew vintage WWII Grumman Gooses and Mallards in St. Croix, U.S.V.I., before retiring as a Captain for US Air Express/Piedmont Airlines. Pierre was also an avid sailor and sailed extensively in the US and Caribbean waters as a crewmember for friends, as well as sailing his own boat, Cruzan Confusion, here in the Gulf of Mexico.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 40 years, Jean Whitman Champoux; parents, Jean and Pauline Pontbriand Champoux; and sister, Marie Andre, all of Montreal, Quebec.

Left to treasure his memory is his daughter, Katherine Kaspersky of Montreal, Quebec; stepchildren, Michael Smith (Margaret) of Athens, GA, Patrick Smith (Theresa) of Phoenix, AZ and Cindi Lanier (Gary) of Palmetto, GA; grandchildren, Scott Lanier and Gregg Lanier, both of Palmetto, GA; brothers, Gilles Champoux of Montreal, Quebec and Jaques Champoux (France) of Vancouver, BC; and sister, Helene Byers (John) of Montreal, Quebec.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 392, 535 Oak Ave, Panama City, FL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 392, VFW Post 8205 or AmVets Post 2298.

Those wishing to extend condolences online may do so at www.heritagefhllc.com.

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