



## Raymond C. Houghton,

October 31, 2022

Raymond Collins Houghton, Jr., 94, died on October 29, 2022. He was a veteran of the Korean War as an Electronics Technician in the Navy Air Force ZP2 Squadron.

Mr. Houghton was born in Endicott, NY, worked in electronic at GE in Johnson City, NY and then started a career in computers as a systems analyst/programmer, followed by positions in computer management that took him to Anaheim, CA; Phoenix, Arizona; and Rogers, AR. He joined Bear Archery in 1978 as a manager of their computer department in Florida in 1978. He worked for the school board of Alachua County as a Systems Design and Programming Project Leader prior to retiring in 1991.

Mr. Houghton enjoyed many activities including golf where he acquired five holes in one, computer games, jogging, scuba diving and ballroom dancing. Prior to moving to Florida, he was a private pilot of his own airplane, enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was also a tremendous handyman who could come up with whatever was needed to get the job done. He was always willing to help anyone when called upon. Probably one of his greatest achievements was building his own home while holding down a full-time job. He was able to do this because of the home building training he received from his father, a home builder, prior to entering the Navy.

Mr. Houghton was preceded in death by his parents, and daughters Lisa Rae, Diane, Deborah, brothers Richard, Lawrence, Calvin and Roberts and sister Rosamund Van Noy.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda, sons Richard (Cathy) of N.C., Steven (Christina) and grandson Brandon of High Springs, granddaughters Misty of NY, Alea Houghton and Kari Harrell.

Mr. Houghton was a Christian of the Protestant faith.

Funeral Services will be held at Forest Meadows Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 3:30PM. Arrangements by Forest Meadows Funeral Home, 725 NW 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ray always had a smile and was so very kind to our family. He would always take the time to sit and talk with us. He will be forever missed

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**Joseph Hutchinson** - November 01, 2022 at 12:07 AM

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“ Ray was a one in a million neighbor! Always generous with his time and knowledge, which spanned an amazing number of fields. He was the first neighbor we met 28 years ago and welcomed us to the neighborhood. We will miss his wit and his larger-than-life personality! He was blessed to have such a loving wife in Wanda, who was his true partner in life. Rest easy, Ray!

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**Chris and Chip Deutsch** - October 31, 2022 at 09:05 PM