

Colonel Mark K. Buxton, Jr., USAF

MANCHESTER, Conn. - Colonel Mark K. Buxton, Jr., USAF (Retired) of Manchester, Conn. passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, August 7, 2013. He was born in Lancaster, on July 6, 1928 and always considered this his "hometown." His parents were Mark and Arlene Buxton and his Stepmother, Allison Buxton. He is survived by his daughters Deborah Goldberg and her husband Jon of West Hartford, Conn., Donna Munroe and her husband Bob of Bolton, Conn., Mara Buxton of South Windsor, Conn. and Eleanore Buxton, the mother of his children. He leaves behind his five grandchildren: Elise, Brett and Brynne Goldberg and Katherine and Rob Munroe. He is also survived by his dear and close friend and companion, Dorothy Swenson.

Colonel Buxton served with the United States Air Force from the latter days of World War II, the Korean War and through the Vietnam War. His assignments took him to the Panama Canal Zone, the Philippines, Venezuela and Vietnam and numerous air bases in the fifty states. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his Vietnam service and various other awards for exemplary work in a range of staff assignments. He was a member of the Charter Oak Chapter (MOAA) and served as its vice president, secretary and treasurer for several periods.

Mark was an accomplished sailor, building his first sailboat while serving the Air Force in Maine. He was an avid skier for many years, enjoying the slopes of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and many New England slopes. Mark taught himself the art of fine wood working and built many handsomely crafted tables, desks, book cases and other items still cherished by his daughters and friends.

There are no calling hours and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

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