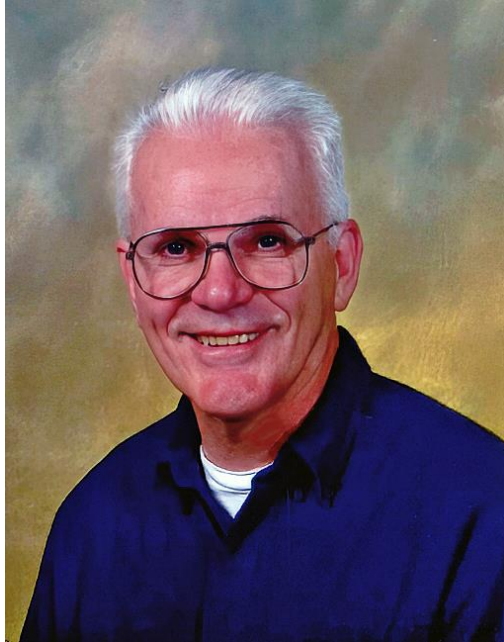


OBITUARY

Donald Edward Hunt

NOVEMBER 4, 1939 - DECEMBER 21, 2023



IN THE CARE OF

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Donald "Don" Edward Hunt

1939 to 2023

Aurora, CO

Donald "Don" Hunt was born in Philadelphia, PA on Nov 4, 1939, to Russell Baker Hunt and Helen May Hunt. He attended Lower Merion High school where he excelled as an electrician...which served him well throughout his life.

He entered the Air Force in 1958, was assigned to basic training in San Antonio and then to Lowry AFB in Denver for Technical Training. During that time, he met Kathleen Smart, whom he married on July 30, 1960. While serving with the USAF he was stationed in Torrejon AFB in Spain, Perrin AFB in Texas, Lowry AFB in Colorado, and Bentwaters AFB in England, with a child born at each stop and two in Spain! They went on to Holloman AFB, NM, Alconbury AFB, England, finally returning to Lowry AFB in Colorado in 1977 where he retired in 1979.

Don became a certified USAF Training Command Instructor with the School of Metrology (PMEL) while stationed at Lowry AFB, Denver, CO in 1977. Upon his arrival he was assigned to the newly minted advanced 32470-15 Digital Electronics Course, still in production, where he contributed significant content...the result of many off and on the job research hours spent garnering adequate and technically accurate information

regarding the new state-of-the-art digital equipment and technology being offered to select advanced civilian and military students attending the course. Don became a full-time instructor with the -15 course when it was finally completed and placed online.

Shortly after retiring from the Air Force in 1979, he went to work for Hughes Aircraft...which transitioned ownership to GM and then finally Raytheon. Don retired from Raytheon in 2000.

Don was an avid golfer, as was his wife, Kathy. With friends in every port, they enjoyed traversing the country, visiting and golfing along the way. They built their dream home near Fraser, Colorado, living there for a number of years where they enjoyed hiking, snowshoeing and spending quality time at Fontenot's restaurant, their favorite hotspot. In July of 2010 they celebrated their 50th Anniversary at Fontenot's with their many friends and family. They moved back to Aurora in 2013 where they continued close contact with friends and family. Don particularly enjoyed visits and walks through his neighborhood with a longtime friend and neighbor...and former student. His monthly trip to Hooter's with the Nerd Herd was another great joy in his

life. He had many close friends and cherished every one of them.

Don was an accomplished musician in his own right. He taught himself to play guitar when his children were young...entertaining not only his children, but eventually his grandchildren and great grandchildren for decades. While living in Fraser he joined the Grand County Chorale, performing in many concerts and private events with the Chorale and as a member of their barbershop quartet. He was a talented singer and guitarist and enjoyed entertaining.

The family always stayed close, most living in the Denver area with one living in Dallas TX...which was a great excuse for another road trip, a party or two, and more golf.

After a long illness, Don passed away quietly on winter solstice day, December 21, 2023. He was survived by his wife Kathleen and four daughters, Brenda (Mitch) Munn, Sharon (Steve) Smith, Mary (Ward) Mains, and Susan (Bradley) Hettich, their nine grandchildren, Ashton, Eric, Wesley, Amanda, Hannah, Sara, Kourtney, Ryan, and Kristen, and three great-grandchildren, Elias, Sterling,

and Lively, all of whom he adored. He was also survived by his brother Ralph (Blanca) Hunt.

Don was preceded in death by his son Michael Edward Hunt, his parents Russell and Helen Hunt, and his siblings Russell Hunt II, Larry Hunt, and Marjorie Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Donald E. Hunt will be buried with honors in a private ceremony at Ft Logan National Cemetery.

There will be an open house to celebrate Don's life and friendships from 2:00 till 6:00 p.m., on January 10, 2024, at the Great Plains Clubhouse, 19676 E Atlantic Drive, Aurora CO 80013.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project, or a charity of your choice.