



The notice that Golden Eagles member Captain Herb Jellander has flown West was recently sent to our members. Herb`s wife Bonnie has now provided his obituary.



Captain Herb Jellander

Captain Herbert R. Jellander

Thousand Oaks

The family of Captain Herbert R. Jellander is saddened to announce his passing on June 5, 2018 at the age of 80. His sudden illness and death was unexpected but he faced it with his characteristic fortitude and passed peacefully with his life partner and wife of 57 years, Pat, at his side. Herb was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 10, 1938 to Carl and Evelyn Jellander and was raised in Queens. He graduated from St. Paul's Prep in Garden City, New York and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1960. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

His sense of adventure led him to join the United States Marine Corps where he attained his Wings of Gold and received numerous decorations for his combat service in Viet Nam and other "hot spots" of the era, flying primarily the F8 Crusader fighter jet. Leaving the Corps as a Major after eight years of service, Herb signed on as a pilot for Continental Airlines, which brought he and his family to Thousand Oaks in 1969. Except for a three year hiatus during a labor dispute when he flew for Air Afrique out of Dakar, Senegal, Herb continued with Continental until his mandatory age required retirement in 1998. He was then immediately rehired by Continental to serve as a test pilot for them until 2002.

He was a dedicated member of the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks in Thousand Oaks for almost 40 years, served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees in 2000, was honored as Elk of the Year in 2008, founded and headed one of their famous barbeque teams, chaired the Elks Christmas Tree lot for local charities for many years and was a member of their El Conejo Kampers group. A life-long Giants fan, he played on amateur baseball and softball teams most of his life and helped the Thousand Oaks Panthers senior softball team win the highly coveted Senior Softball World Series title in 2005.

By any measure, Herb built an enviable life for himself and his family and he thoroughly enjoyed it. His sharp intellect, ability for leadership, willingness to step up, unique wit and congenial approach brought him respect and the richness of friendship with the many who crossed his path. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Laurie and Peter

Korneffel of Denver; CO, Karen and Peter Stubbs of Northport, NY; Janine and Eric Van Poppelen of Torrance, CA; nephew Toby Slayman, his wife, Bonnie, and daughter, Jessica; grandchildren Elise, Henry and Helaina Korneffel; John and James Stubbs; and Cameron Van Poppelen. He was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Charles Slayman and his son, Michael Carl Jellander.

A memorial observance will be held Sunday, July 15 at 2:00 pm at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks, followed by a reception at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge until 6:00 pm. We look forward to welcoming all who wish to attend and celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Ronald McDonald House Charities 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263.



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