



## James Aiken Kishpaugh

September 25, 1940 - October 29, 2023

Margaret and Jim Kishpaugh were soul mates who found each other in Houston, TX in 1977, married in 1978 and shared and explored life and the world until they left this earth within a month of each other in the fall of 2023. Born September 25, 1940 in Hendersonville, NC and September 27, 1941 in Potsdam, NY, respectively, Jim and Margaret shared a sharp intellect, an insatiable curiosity, a hard working mindset, a generous heart, a proud American with a global citizen perspective, and a loving and loyal dedication to their friends and family. Together, they built and ran several businesses, loved and supported two children, four grandchildren and at last count, five great-grandchildren.

Graduating from Glen Burnie High School in Maryland in 1959, Margaret excelled as a military wife and mother of her two children Deborah and Robert (Tom), leading several Air Force Family Services programs and then earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at University of Florida as well as an MBA from Central Oklahoma University. She also earned business certifications as a Texas Real Estate Agent and an International Travel Agent, running Faraway Places Travel. Later, she focused and specialized in consulting in hospice care (Leigh Enterprises), trained and collaborated with Elizabeth Kubler Ross and established several best in class hospice care training programs.

Jim graduated from Hendersonville High School in 1958, briefly attended Duke University on scholarship, and was drafted into the US Army. After serving his tour, Jim earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at North Carolina State University (using the GI Bill), excelled at EXXON Petroleum and led several independent oil companies, including Texas International, Phoenix Resources, and Merlon International Petroleum. An active member of Young Presidents Organization and later World Presidents Organization, Jim valued his engagement with and built on his Forum Group council. He loved and mentored several talented young professionals, including Margaret's children, Deborah and Tom, as well the children of his family and close friends and business associates.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Armands Key Lutheran Church  
40 North Adams Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34236

## Visitation

JAN 19. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Crab and Fin Restaurant  
420 St. Armands Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34236

## Military Honor Guard

JAN 22. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery  
9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL