



Roger Dean Otis

January 20, 1939 - August 7, 2025

Roger Dean Otis, 86, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away peacefully at his home on August 7, 2025. Born in Binghamton, New York, to Arthur Otis and Pauline (Forster) Prouty. Roger eventually settled in Sarasota, where he built a life grounded in love, knowledge, and dedication to family.

A devoted husband, Roger shared 62 beautiful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Barbara (Wilson). He is survived by his wife, son David, daughter Dorothy; granddaughter Alyssa Doss (Harley Varnadore) and great-granddaughters Layla and Kiley Varnadore. He is also survived by his sister Florence Louise Clark and many nieces and nephews and was predeceased by his stepfather Lawrence Prouty, his sister Phyllis Brigham and brother-in-law James A. Wilson.

Roger was a man of deep curiosity and lifelong learning. He found great joy in collecting books and immersing himself in a wide range of topics—from gardening and car repair to electronics and computers. He loved sharing this knowledge with his children and grandchildren, always encouraging curiosity and exploration.

Outside of his intellectual pursuits, Roger loved camping, dancing, animals, and had a special place in his heart for Scotland—the country where he met the love of his life. His admiration for its landscapes and culture remained with

him throughout his life.

Roger served honorably in the Army National Guard and United States Navy and later dedicated nearly 16 years to working as a corrections officer in Manatee County, retiring in 2005. He was known for his integrity, work ethic, and quiet kindness.

A committal service will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery on October 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., where friends and family are welcome to honor and celebrate his life.

Previous Events

Committal Service

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
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