

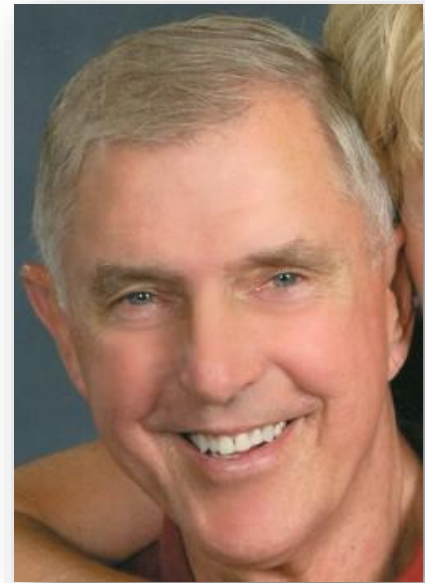
Colonel John Charles Andrle

July 11, 1943 (Rockford, IL) March 2100 (Fort Walton Beach, FL)



John Charles Andrle, 71, passed away Monday unexpectedly. John was the Son of Charles and Frances (Stepanek) Andrle, originally from Cedar Rapids, IA and longtime residents of Rockford, John's birthplace. He is survived by his loving Wife, Judy; Daughter, Michelle (Amherst, NH; Sons, John (Denver, CO), Andrew (Peabody, MA), and Matthew (Boston, MA); as well as his Sister, Lucie Andrle Sudbrook (Crystal Lake, IL). He also leaves six grandchildren aged one through 18.

John loved life. He had many friends and hobbies. His greatest love was his wife, Judy, and their children. His most enjoyable activity was golf; he was a member of Rocky Country Club and served on its Board of Directors from 1995 to 1998.



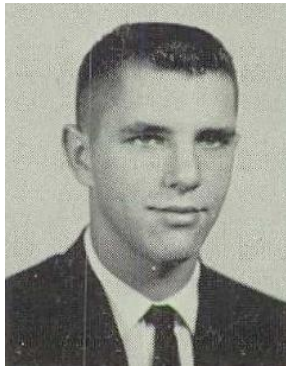
He was also active in community affairs. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Bayou Owners' Association in 1993 and 1994. In an ongoing effort to keep Florida's world class bass fishery, Lake Henderson, in its natural state, he worked tirelessly on and was instrumental obtaining repairs to the dam. John was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Niceville, FL where he acted as a Sunday mass greeter and usher as well as a small group community leader in the Church's Renew Program.

He graduated in 1961 from West High School (Rockford) where he participated in many school activities and varsity athletics. He went on to graduate from the University of Illinois in 1965 with a Bachelor of science degree; again, he was active in many campus activities and organizations, particularly, Phi Delta Theta social fraternity which he dearly loved. John received his Master of education degree from Boston University in 1994.

John was a career Army officer retiring as a Colonel in 1992. He entered active duty in 1996 with his first assignment being Sinop, Turkey. From there, he went to Fort Campbell, KY; Camp Vayama, Thailand; Fort Drum, NY; and then on to the

Republic of **Vietnam** Advisory Team 96, IV Corps, Military Assistance Command (MACV) in the Mekong Delta. Upon returning from **Vietnam**, John was sent to Heidelberg, Germany. After Germany, stateside assignments included Fort Lewis, Washington followed by an advisory duty to the United States Army Reserves and National Guard units of Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi, headquartered out of Redstone Arsenal (Huntsville, AL). Next, John was stationed in the Pentagon in Washington, DC where he was the Chief of Enlisted Recruiting for the entire United States Army, working out of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. From the Pentagon, he went to Headquarters of the United States Special Operations Command in Tampa, FL where he was a member of the Special Staff. Following that, he was sent to New England where he became the Chief of Staff of Fort Devens, MA. His final military assignment was Director of Personnel for the United Army Test and Evaluation Command headquartered out of Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Colonel Andrle's military awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit (1 OCL – Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (OCL), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OCL), Joint Meritorious Service Award, National Defense Service Medal, **Vietnam** Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, **Vietnam** Campaign Medal, Republic of **Vietnam** Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Parachutist Badge, and Army General Staff Badge.



After serving his country and completing assignments on several continents, John and his family moved to Niceville in 1992.

Visitation was held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. The Mass of Christian Burial was at 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. He was interred at Heritage Gardens Cemetery in Niceville.

Reference:

Obituary for John Andrle