Roger William Hillbrook

December 15, 1943

November 27, 2020

Solana Beach, CA

Following a long struggle with cancer, **Roger William Hillbrook,** Captain, U.S. Air Force, Ret., passed November 27, 2020, in Solana Beach, CA. Roger was born December 15, 1943, in Enid, Oklahoma. He was predeceased by his father, retired Air Force Pilot, R.W. Hillbrook, Sr.; mother, Jean Hillbrook; and brother, J. D. Hillbrook. He is survived by daughter, Erin Elizabeth Hillbrook Scissors; granddaughters, Avery, 14, and Logan, 12; stepson, Douglas (Robin LaCroix) Olson and their daughters, Emma, 18, and Greta, 15. He is missed by family and his many friends in San Diego County, California, and Rockford, Illinois.



Roger graduated with West Rockford (Illinois) High School's Class of 1961 and the University of Wyoming in 1965. He served with the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1969 in the United States, Europe, and Asia. In southern California he began careers in commercial real estate and, later, commercial writing for foreign clients.

He was both an avid fly fisherman who traveled to England to fish with a private UK club, and a seasoned upland bird hunter, who traveled in the Fall to hunt partridge and grouse in Europe and Southeast Asia.

He never forgot the high school buddies who called themselves the "Olde Warriors." In July, they "reconned" at the late Mike White's summer home on East Horsehead Lake in northern Wisconsin. At "boys camp" they swapped lies, cast a few flies but more likely drowned some worms, drank a few beers, re-lived their misspent youth, told the same old jokes, and put on massive fireworks displays for lakeside residents.

As he wished, he has been cremated and his ashes cast at sea. Due to the pandemic, no other formal arrangements are planned.

Roger, "over and out!"

Reference:

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