

PCR **Lt. Col. Richard R. Roudabush** ¹²⁻⁵₂₀₁₈

- - Lt. Col. Richard R. Roudabush, retired United States Air Force

Lt. Col. Richard Reece Roudabush passed away early Sunday morning due to complications from a long and hard fought battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Richard was born in Brooklyn, Iowa on February 10, 1947, the



third child of Robert and Marie Roudabush. Richard graduated from Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcom High School in 1965 and then earned a Bachelor of Science, Engineering at the University of Iowa in 1969. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force, where he flew a KC135. He met JoAnne E. Roudabush (deceased), his wife of 40 years, in Sacramento, California while he was stationed at Mather Air Force Base. Together they had four children as they were stationed at Incirlik Air Force Base in Adana, Turkey; Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington; Buckley Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado; and, finally at Castle Air Force Base in Atwater, California where he retired a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 years of service. He continued his passion for flying as a commercial airline pilot for Delta Airlines until the Multiple Sclerosis forced him to retire.

Richard was extremely generous and as an active member of Rotary International and the Daedalions, he donated whatever he could, whenever he could. He loved his family, his almond orchard, and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Richard is survived by his sister, Marilyn Gearhart; his children, Gabrielle Roosevelt, Maegan Roudabush, Molly Roudabush, and Justin Roudabush; five grandchildren; and a son-in-law and daughter-in-law. He had one loving brother, Robert (Bob) Roudabush, who predeceased him by a year.