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Vorel Suki Obituary

Vorel J. "Butch" Suki, 80, of The Villages, FL, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2023 following a lengthy illness. He was born in Elyria, OH on February 4, 1943.

His passion for the depths of the sea was matched by his commitment to safety and service, as evidenced by his certification as a diver and his invaluable contribution to the Search and Rescue Team. Butch's leadership skills were further exemplified during his tenure as a Lieutenant with The Civil Air Patrol, where he took to the skies to aid those in need.

Butch's love for flying was only one facet of his adventurous life. He was also an avid motorcyclist and Corvette enthusiast, embracing the freedom of the open road with the same vigor he applied to every aspect of his life. With his wife by his side, they journeyed across the United States and beyond, immersing themselves in diverse cultures and forging lasting memories. Their travels often included the company of good friends and a cherished cousin, with whom he shared countless joyous moments.

Following the loss of his beloved wife, Butch found solace in the company of his two loyal dogs, Max and Belly. Their frequent visits to Lakeview Park became opportunities for connection and camaraderie, as he engaged with fellow park-goers, sharing stories and laughter while the dogs frolicked.

In 2020, Butch embarked on a new chapter, moving to Florida to reside with his youngest sister. There, he continued to embrace life, forming new friendships and becoming an integral part of his new community.

Throughout his career, Butch demonstrated an unwavering work ethic and loyalty. His 48 years with Ford Motor, starting in Lorain and culminating in a well-deserved retirement from Avon Lake, reflected his dedication and the high regard in which he was held by his colleagues.

Butch's sense of community extended to his involvement with various social clubs, notably the American Legion. He took pride in his membership as the Son of a Legion, honoring the legacy of his father, who made the ultimate sacrifice serving with The US Air Force in 1944.

He was preceded in death by the Love of his life, Valerie G. (née Graovac) Suki in 2013; father,

Sgt. Vorel J. Suki US Air Force in 1944; mother, Irene (née Stanko) Santucci in 2001; stepfather, Joseph R. Santucci Sr. in 1964; brother, Joseph R. Santucci in 1985; and nephew, Donn K. Worthen Jr. in 2022.

He is survived by sisters, Sandra Santucci and Toni A. Santucci with whom he made his home. Also many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will take place on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Calvary Cemetery in Lorain. Online condolences may be sent to the family using www.rsgfuneralhome.com.



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