

TSgt Raymond Dennis Cloutier

22 December 1931 - 5 August 2012



Raymond D. Cloutier of San Ramon, CA, went home to do some important projects for God on August 5th, 2012, at the age of 80. He passed over surrounded by his family after succumbing to cancer. . Raymond was born on December 22, 1931, and raised in Barton, VT, with his parents, 5 brothers and 3 sisters. He graduated from Barton Academy in 1947, and embarked on a 4-year stint in the Air Force where he served in the Korean War on bombers. He served his country with distinction for 11 years and received an honorable discharge as well as several honors, including the National Service Medal. Ray later traveled to California where he attended Pasadena College and UCLA, met and married one of his private pilot students, Francine Kellerman (of Beverly Hills, CA). They shared 49 years of marriage together. They had two beloved daughters: Michele Cloutier-Valdez of Mt Shasta, CA, and Suzanne Cloutier-VanDerwater of Sandy, OR. Raymond's career as a commercial Airline Pilot lasted through many years, many countries, and many airlines. He also worked as a commercial pilot instructor both in the US and abroad. He mentored hundreds of students in flying commercial aircraft in the US, Russia, Turkey and China. Both Ray and Fran enjoyed traveling around the globe. Ray was a lifetime ski bum who was proud to still be sporting his leather ski boots on the slopes into his 70's! Raymond was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the American Legion, and belonged to the National Association of Atomic Veterans. He had a passion for genealogy and was a founding member of L'Association de Cloutiers of North America. He loved a good cup of Peets coffee and a maple bar, as well as a great gin martini (with three olives, of course - for his 'girls'). He will be missed by many for his kind heart, giving nature, and outstanding sense of humor. Raymond is predeceased by his parents Severin and Rose Marie; brothers Gaston and Regent; and sister Bertha. His is survived by brothers Robert, James, and Gaetan; sisters Martha and Rita; wife Francine; and daughters Michele and Suzanne. A celebration of Raymond's Life was held on August 24, 2012, at the Chapel at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette, CA. Donations to Hope Hospice in Dublin, CA are welcome