



Lewis E. "Lou" Musolf

June 11, 2023

Lewis (Lou) Ervin Musolf passed away peacefully at home on 11th June 2023 with his children by his side. He was 86 years old and had battled cancer for many years before finally laying down his tools.

Lou was born in Pequot Lakes, MN on 24th March 1937 to Ervin and Elaine Musolf, later joined by brother David and sister Kathy and the family dachshund, Ike. The Musolf family had settled in Pequot Lakes in the 1800s and Lou grew up as part of a large and close-knit extended family, many who still live in that area. Lou had many happy childhood memories of winters spent ice fishing and summers working at Breezy Point Golf Club.

In 1952 the family moved to St Paul and Lou graduated from George Washington High School on Rice Street in 1955. Those were the days of the James Dean rebel and Rice Street was a main drag with the Tin Cup, the Coffee Cup and a White Castle down by the Capitol.

Seeking adventures farther afield, Lou joined the US Navy after graduation where he served on the Destroyers the USS Sumner and the USS Mollineux between 1955-1959 and then the Reserves through 1963. He attained the

rank of Radioman Second Class and a reputation as one of the fastest Morse decoders. This sparked a life-long love for travel and adventure.

Following the Navy, Lou began a career with the US Government and enjoyed many international postings, including time in Rome, Italy where he met and married his wife of 56 years, Phyllis Phillips who pre-deceased him on 14th July 2022. Lou and Phyllis went on to have two children, Cheryl (Kevin) Sweeney, General Counsel of an international group based in London and Lewis, who recently retired as General Manager of a golf course in Virginia.

After 25 years of foreign postings across Africa, the Middle East and Europe during significant Cold War events, Lou and family returned to Washington DC with a final posting to the US Department of State. After 35 years, Lou retired from his government career in electronic communications.

Lou and Phyl moved to Alabama's Gulf Coast in 1993 where for many years he actively supported Phyl with her Mary Kay career and participated in many civic and community activities with the Foley First Presbyterian Church and the South Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce. They continued to travel widely and particularly enjoyed cruises to Alaska, Egypt and across Europe's many rivers. Lou was also a Freemason and a member of the Retired Federal Communicators.

Lou was a deeply loyal and loving husband, father and friend. He loved corny jokes and simple pleasures, and had many varied hobbies and interests that engaged his fascination with history, electronics, mechanics, gardening and cooking. Lou is survived by his two children, his brother-in-law Wayne Veum,

his sister-in-law Karin Musolf and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins across both sides of his family. He will be deeply missed.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Al

Previous Events

Military Graveside Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort
34904 AL-225
Spanish Fort, AL 36577
(251) 625-1338

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Lou was one of a kind and I'll miss hearing his stories and seeing that sparkle in his eye when he would make a joke. I'll always treasure the time we spent with Lou and Phyllis down south, only wish we'd had more of it. Love to Cheryl and Lewis* ❤️



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