



Howard Watkins

March 15, 1949 - September 28, 2011

Obituary of Howard Watkins

HOWARD MARK WATKINS, 62, of Leesburg, passed away Thursday, September 28, 2011. He was born March 15, 1949 in Miami, FL. Howard had a love of aviation his entire life taking his 1st solo flight at age 16. He graduated from the Oklahoma City School of Aviation at age 19 with multiple pilots ratings in single-engine, multi-engine aircraft and helicopter.

Howard was a flight instructor at Ft. Rucker in Alabama training military personnel, he later joined the U.S. Navy as an air traffic controller, always finishing 1st in his class, being only 1 of 5 men to be promoted on the entire base. After military service he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller retiring in Chattanooga, TN. He and his wife relocated to Florida where he enjoyed golf, boating, the attractions and the Florida lifestyle. Howard was currently employed as service manager for Columbia Parr Car in Leesburg. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Gayle Watkins of Leesburg. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Services

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations

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“ *Howard Watkins*

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