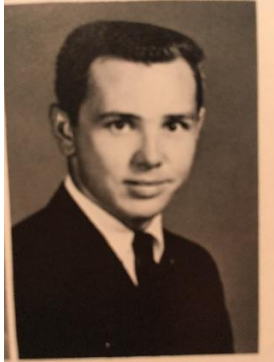


Obituary for Frank Thomas Zirkle

August 8, 1944 – June 9, 2025



Frank was born in San Diego, California to Merlin and Lois Zirkle on August 8, 1944. He attended and graduated from St. Petersburg High School. After graduating high school, he enlisted into the United States Army where he specialized as a morse code interceptor. On April 26, 1966, he married Carol Notley Zirkle in St. Petersburg. Shortly after, Frank was stationed in the country of Panama. After a tour in Panama, Frank and Carol were relocated to Fort Devens, Massachusetts. For over 50 years, he owned and operated American Chemical, a janitorial supply company in St. Petersburg, Florida. Frank was an avid and skilled sailor and boater, sailing around the Caribbean and the east coast of the United States and the Tampa Bay area. Frank was an enthusiastic mariner, enjoying designing and building boats, working on boats in his free time and in his younger days, racing hydroplanes with his younger brother Lynn.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents Merlin and Lois Zirkle and brother Mark Zirkle.

Frank is survived by his loving wife Carol Zirkle, son Scott Zirkle, daughter Stacy Zirkle, brother Merlin "Lynn" Zirkle Jr. (Sandy), sister Susan Barrett (Garry), three grandchildren Delaynie, Ben and Kerrah Lynn and loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life for Frank will be held on July 19, 2025, at 11:00am. To RSVP and obtain location information, please email frankcelebrationoflife@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Frank Zirkle can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or to Suncoast Hospice at www.suncoasthospice.org.