

# February 28, 2025

## Sympathies

Garland Henry McKenzie

December 21, 1944 – February 22, 2025



**Garland Henry McKenzie** passed away peacefully on February 22, 2025 at Grace Davis Hall House in Ocala, Florida at the age of 80.

Born in Highland Park, Michigan on December 21, 1944 to Melvina Marie (Bazille) and Charles Lance "Bruce" McKenzie. Garland spent most of his youth in Independence, Missouri where he and his friends would occasionally ride their bicycles to the Square to meet President Harry S. Truman on his daily walks.

Garland was predeceased by his parents, brother John (Constance) McKenzie of Independence, Missouri, his sister Katherien (Gale) Allred of Anchorage, Alaska and Step-Daughter Cynthia DeWitt of Ocala, Florida.

Garland is survived by his wife, of 43 years, Carole Dewald McKenzie, daughter Shelly Kay Mckenzie and son Stewart Ray McKenzie both of Columbia, Missouri and 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

When Garland got tired of working for others, he started his own Specialty Upholstery business where he built cornice window treatments for decorators. Much of his work hangs in homes and businesses in Palm Beach and Marion Counties.

Garland enjoyed traveling the USA and Canada. He and Carole visited 49 of our 50 states. He would tell everyone that the only reason he didn't get to all 50 states was because he couldn't figure out how to put pontoons on the motorhome. In 2005, Garland and Carole took a 40-Day RV tour of Alaska. They met many wonderful people in the tour group and are still in contact with a few of them. They saw many wonderful sights, many Glaciers and even went Dog Sledding in Seward, Alaska.

Garland and Carole were avid Square Dancers for many years. They were officers in the Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Association. They were officers in the Florida Federation of Square Dancers from 2001-2005. They were also Convention Chairmen for two Florida State Square Dance Conventions in 2006 and 2012. They also attended many National Square Dance Conventions.

No visitation or services are planned per Garland's wishes.

If you would like to send cards, Carole's address is 6600 NW 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34482