



Stephen O. Manning III

February 3, 1943 - February 27, 2019

Stephen O. Manning III came into this world on 3 February 1943 and left on 27 February 2019. He was born to Ophelia Oliver Manning and Stephen Orr Manning Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee. He was predeceased by his parents, his uncles Lawrence and Neal Oliver and his sister, Linda.

He leaves his wife Bertha Nash Manning of 54 plus years and two sons; Stephen Neal Manning (Maria) and Bryce Allan Manning; grandchildren Carina Manning, Gabriela Manning and Braycen Manning. He is also survived by brothers, Richard and Barry.

Steve born in Tennessee, raised in Mississippi and Arkansas, joined the USAF in 1961 and traveled the world. He retired after giving twenty-three years' service to his country in Europe and Saudi Arabia during the cold war and Guam during the Vietnam War. These experiences enriched his background for writing poetry which was his passion along with economics and politics.

In addition, he was a graduate of Syracuse University from which he earned a degree in broadcast journalism. He also had degrees in Fine Art (City College of Chicago) and International Relations (University of Oklahoma) His military service gave him experience in many forms of writing and communication. As a public affairs officer, he served as a magazine editor, speechwriter, press liaison, broadcast commander and foreign community relations advisor.

Steve and his wife resided in the woodlands of the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas. The natural setting of his home provided much inspiration for poetry writing.

His final resting place is the columbarium at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, South Dakota. Steve was given full military honors.