



Donald Ray Mickler, Sr.

April 11, 1945 - April 10, 2016

Donald Ray Mickler Sr. was such a warm and outgoing soul, he could walk into a room with ten strangers and walk out with ten new best friends. This beloved husband, father, and uncle was called back to Heaven on April 10, 2016. Don was born in Brunswick, Georgia, on April 11, 1945, to Bill and Irene Mickler. He grew up in Muncie, Indiana. Shortly after joining the Air Force in 1967, he was blessed to meet and marry Rosi Cruz in August 1968. Together, they created three spirited children who, according to their father, get their stubbornness from their mother. His military career took him and his equally adventurous family to many exciting places around the world, including the Azores, Germany, Turkey, and Louisiana. He proudly served until 1988, when he retired. He then began his career in Federal civil service. His last job was with the Air Force Research Laboratory at Fort Sam Houston; he retired after 21 years of service on April 19, 2012. His passions included binge-watching 80s television, the San Antonio Spurs, and the Minnesota Vikings so he could never understand how he raised sons who were fans of the Buccaneers and the Eagles. His love for sports led him to be an umpire for various leagues in the Greater San Antonio area during his retirement years. His favorite vacation spots were Las Vegas, Tunica, and Biloxi. The Black Jack tables will seem a little less jovial and bright without him. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and his sister. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, his children, and his many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, April 18, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be Tuesday, April 19, at Mission Park South at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.