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Bronze Star recipient Lt. Col. John Stephen Chase died comfortably in the arms of his family following complications from a stroke.

Born February 2, 1949 in Summit, New Jersey to V. Lindsay and Ann Elizabeth Suwall Chase, John became an early and avid reader, with an insatiable appetite for learning in a wide and diverse set of topics. His curiosity about internal combustion and jet engines eventually led him to Stevens Institute of Technology where he graduated summa cum laude in Mechanical Engineering. He went on to earn a Masters in Systems Engineering from the University of Southern California while a member of the United States Air Force.

After completing his flight training, John served for 23 years as an Air Force officer. During this time, he flew C-130 Hercules transports and CT-39 Sabreliner, was chief test pilot for the C-5B Galaxy, and ultimately flew C-20 Gulfstreams for the 89th Airlift Wing as Air Force One. He was a Vietnam War veteran, and ended his career with the rank of lieutenant colonel. After retiring from the Air Force, John entered the world of corporate aviation both as a pilot and as a simulator instructor, passing on the skills he'd mastered to future generations of pilots.

John is survived by his wife Terilyn Gober Chase, his daughter Amelia Catherine Hall (Scott), his son, Samuel Benjamin Chase, his beloved grand daughter Veronica Jane Hall, his step grandchildren Jude and Norah Hall, his stepson Hayden Gober, his sisters Leslie Chase and Roxanne Chase Vatalaro (Mike), his brother Scott Lindsay Chase (Sandra), his nieces Tonja Manus Halley, Natasha Manus (Aaron), Jessica Jersey (Chris), Zoe Tsavdarides and Alexandra Tsavdarides, and his great nieces, Emilia Halley, Christina and Victoria Jersey, and Danika and Makayla Pierson.

John was brilliant, quirky, prophetic, wise, stubborn and unashamedly competitive but his heart was tender and fragile, like most of us humans. We will miss him terribly.

A family celebration of life has been scheduled after his birthday.

Tribute Wall



“ Love you always dad 💜



Amelia Hall - January 20, 2023 at 07:50 PM

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John was my first Training Mgr at CAE. He selected me as the New Lead Instructor. I told him NO, I wasn't gonna do it. "Yes you are," he said and that was that. We had a good time working together. He laughed easy and a great guy. RIP Buddy!

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