

## **Darrel Lee Mellies**

Surfside Beach, SC

Dr. Darrel Lee Mellies, 70, beloved partner and best friend of Jo Clark, passed away on January 12, 2021 at their home in Surfside Beach, SC. Born in Dodge City, Kansas, he was the son of the late Robert I. Mellies and Ella Rainbolt Mellies Haskins, and step-son of the late Daryl L. Haskins.

Darrel will be missed by family and friends. He is survived by Jo, of the home, a daughter, Anna Lea Eubanks (Sherri), and a granddaughter, Riley Eubanks. He has one living aunt and numerous cousins. He was predeceased by an infant brother, Doyle Mellies.

Dr. Mellies loved the United States of America, and proudly served this country during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Mellies attended Clemson University and graduated from Life College as a Doctor of Chiropractic. He was retired and enjoying his new career as a travel writer and photographer, sharing this love for travel and photography with Jo. He was a member of the International Travel Writers and Photographers Alliance, Professional Writers' Alliance, TravMedia, and Travel Massive.

Darrel will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, healing spirit, love of learning, love of photography, and most of all, his devotion to Jo and his willingness to support her in any endeavor.

A private graveside ceremony and celebration of Darrel's life will be held at a later date.