



Glenn Norman Braden, 83

Glenn Norman Braden, 83, of San Diego, California passed away on October 9th, 2023. He was born to Lilian Ruby McCubbin and Melvin Braden of Hodgenville, Kentucky.

He graduated from Hodgenville High School. In 1962, Glenn served as valedictorian of his class and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Kentucky. The following year he moved to San Diego, California, to pursue a career as a Government Civilian for the Navy. During his 30-year employment for the Navy, he worked on the Atlas missile program, and many other aerospace projects during the 1960's "Space Race" to get to the moon.

As a loving single father of his children Glenda and Scott, he was an anchor and a guiding light to both. Although he had a busy career and homelife, he found time for camping, hiking, traveling, and square dancing. It was at square dancing where he met his lifelong companion Joan Nelson Claypool. They were married in 1983. Joan and Glenn traveled around the backroads of the United States pulling a fifth-wheel trailer, and enjoyed many baseball tours, house boat, and whitewater rafting trips. They worked for several years as volunteers for the Grand Canyon Association in the various bookstores and information centers at Grand Canyon, Arizona.

To overcome his grief after Joan's passing in 2017, he adopted a dog that he named *Buddy*, and they traveled everywhere together.

He also continued to volunteer at OASIS Lifelong Learning Center in La Mesa, California. He was also a life member of the ELKS, Chula Vista and WOW, San Diego.

He was proud of his Kentucky heritage and referred to himself as a "Kentucky boy who grew up on a farm." Every year, in the fall he planned a trip back to Kentucky for his class reunion and to see family. He did not miss one class reunion. It was one of the highpoints of his life.

Those that knew him will remember his great intelligence and interest in engineering inventions and sharing his travel adventures.

His kindness, humbleness, and generosity will be greatly missed. He is survived by daughter Glenda, son Scott, granddaughters Natasha and Katarina, son-in-law Steve and daughter-in-law Tatiana.