

Henry G. Hamby, Jr., Col., USAF, ret.

March 1, 1943 to July 25, 2021

Col. (ret) Henry G. “Tack” Hamby, III passed away July 25th, 2021. Tack was born March 1st, 1943 to Col. (ret) Henry G. Hamby, Jr. and Dorothy Fox Hamby in Harrisburg, PA. His childhood was spent moving around the globe as an “Air Force brat” and he followed in his father’s footsteps into the U.S. Air Force by graduating from the U. S. Air Force Academy in June of 1965. Shortly after graduation, he married the love of his life, Patricia Richardson, and together they raised three boys, Brad (Henry G. Hamby, IV), Chris, and Jonathan. His Air Force career included assignments in Japan at Tachikawa Air Base as a C-124 cargo aircraft pilot, at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam, as an HH-43 search and rescue helicopter pilot, as well as assignments as an engineer and program director in the weapons acquisition field. After 27 years on active duty, he retired to become a civilian contractor (still supporting his beloved Air Force) until his retirement in 2015.

His wife Patricia passed away in June of 2017. Everyone will remember Tack’s devotion to Patricia, larger than life personality, and love for travel.

Tack was remarried to Virginia Hamell in 2019 who passed away in 2020.

Tack is survived by his aforementioned sons, his daughters-in-law Kristy and Stephanie, his brothers Miles and William as well as his seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held August 27th at 1100 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA. His ashes will be interred with his wife Patricia’s at the U. S. Air Force Academy Cemetery on October 8th at 1400.