



Richard Russel Herald

April 25, 1934 - April 1, 2026

Richard Russell Herald, age 91, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on April 1, 2026, at Grace Davis Hall Hospice.

Richard was born on April 25, 1934, in Ashland, Kentucky, to Alonzo Russell Herald and Evelyn Herald. During his high school years, he excelled in football and was also a ping pong champion. He graduated from Springfield High School in Ohio in 1952.

Following graduation, Richard proudly joined the United States Air Force, where he served his country with honor and distinction. During his service, he earned two medals recognizing his outstanding leadership in control and warning system technology. As a Master Sergeant (MSgt), he was stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, serving with the Aerospace Defense Command, which was tasked with protecting the United States against hostile aircraft and missiles. After 20 years of dedicated active-duty service, Richard retired from the military.

He later earned an associate degree and continued working in various roles over the years, always ready to contribute his knowledge, leadership, and strong work ethic. He also enjoyed time as an entrepreneur.

Richard found great joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved fishing and golfing, proudly achieving two hole-in-ones during his golfing years. Above all, he cherished his family and will be remembered as a nurturing, caring, loving, and devoted son, brother, father, grandfather, and uncle.

He is survived by his sister, Vickie Sue Bailey; his nephews, Gary and David;

his daughter, Judith Herald Morici; his grandson, Robert L. Dunlap; and his loving son by marriage, Glenn Clark.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kay Patricia Herald, and his parents, Alonzo R. Herald and Evelyn Herald.

Arrangements are entrusted to Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations.

Richard's urn will be placed at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, where he will be reunited with his wife, Kay Patricia.

Richard's legacy of service, love, and dedication will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.