

**FRANK RAY PARKHURST III**  
**July 16, 1942 – December 14, 2020**

Frank Ray Parkhurst III, of Blowing Rock NC, died peacefully on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Watauga Medical Center in Boone, NC. He was 78.

Frank was born in Oakland, CA to Frank Ray and Udolee Tarver Parkhurst on July 16, 1942. He moved with his family at an early age to Honolulu HI, then to Pensacola where he attended local schools. After graduating from Pensacola High School, he set out across the country in a Nash Rambler to seek youthful adventure. He found immediate employment at the San Francisco Stock Exchange, posting daily stocks, by hand, on the big board but the lifestyle of the emerging '60's generation inspired him to seek academic pursuits.

The University of the South at Sewanee TN provided that opportunity; it was where his passion for learning began and earned him academic distinction in the coveted Order of Gownsmen.

Frank joined the U. S. Marine Corps following graduation and was being deployed to heavy combat in the Mekong Delta when he was granted military leave due to a family medical emergency. He took over the family business, Parkhurst Publishing, and he remained president until early retirement when he moved to Blowing Rock NC to start a new career as a developer.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Suzanne (Ball) Parkhurst of Pensacola and Blowing Rock NC; Lacey Parkhurst of Tucson AZ; Sloane and Chris Cox of Pensacola; Brooke Parkhurst and James Briscione of Pensacola; one sister, Diane Meltmar of Rockford IL; Charles and Jen Meltmar of Washington DC; Philip and Ryoko Meltmar of Honolulu, HI; grandchildren, Parker Briscione, August Briscione, Shelby Cox and Carson Cox, all of Pensacola; nephew Rowan Meltmar and niece Hadley Meltmar, both of Washington DC.

Funeral arrangements of being handled by Hampton Funeral Service of Boone NC. Due to the restrictions of COVID, a private family service will be held at a later date.

Frank requested that his ashes be scattered at a favorite overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway where he loved to retreat to read and enjoy the view of the mountains set against the backdrop of the glorious sunsets.