

Edward R. Nelson III (Skip)

- Father was a U.S. Navy Commander during WW2 and commanded a Fletcher Class destroyer during the battle of Iwo Jima among others.

- Skip was born in Massachusetts, USA in January of 1944 Died in Nong Khai, Thailand April of 2020.

- Decorated combat veteran from the Vietnam conflict where he served with the A Company 3rd Recon, United States Marine Corps. Was the radio operator for Company Commander Lt. Frank Reasoner who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

- After military service Skip went into the airline trade first with Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA), then Japan Airlines (JAL) and finally with American Trans Air (ATA) where he retired after 25 years with ATA.

- Ardent supporter of the Wounded Warriors project, Tunnel to Towers and the USO.

- After many years of living in both California and Hawaii Skip migrated to The Land of Smiles and eventually completed his beautiful Thailand home, "Sunset House," in 2009 on the banks of the Mekong River adjacent to the city of Nong Khai in northern Thailand. It is here that he passed on or as fellow pilots like to say, "Took His Final Flight West." He is survived by his wife Mae Mai, two children Yuki & Terry and two grandchildren. R.I.P.