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**N**orman Medland, age 88, of Roseville, California, formerly of Centerville, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 1, 2021 at his home in Sun City, Roseville, California. His wife of 46 years, Linda, was at his side.

Norm was born in Centerville, Iowa on January 9, 1935, to Claude Denzler and Avis Nadine Blue. Claude died of pneumonia in 1936, leaving behind a young widow with two small sons. In 1938, she married William (Bill) Medland, who adopted both boys. Surviving him are his wife, Linda (Roseville, CA); daughter, Nancy Strawn (Las Vegas, NV); brother, Maurice Medland and wife Karen (Yorba Linda, CA), Thomas Pagano and wife, Julie (Roseville, CA), Major Daniel Pagano and wife Dani (MacDill AFB, FL); seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his mother, Avis (1997), father, Bill (2004), son, David (2001), daughter Kathryn (2018), and youngest brother, Bill Gene Medland (2018). He graduated from Centerville High School with the Class of 1953. A few months after graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and served two years of active duty with the Army Engineers in Korea and at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After leaving the Army, he returned home and attended college and worked at a local radio station. Later he headed west to study radio engineering and production at the Don Martin School of Broadcasting in Los Angeles, California. With his new FCC license, he worked in radio for a few months before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. During his first assignment at Hahn Air Force Base in West Germany, he applied for and was accepted for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS). He spent much of his Air Force career in AFRTS, with overseas tours in Morocco, Japan, Thailand, Iran and West Germany. His stateside assignments included Lowry AFB (Denver, CO); Offutt AFB (Omaha, NE); Robins AFB (Macon, GA); and McClellan AFB (Sacramento, CA). During his tour of duty in Vietnam, he reported on combat news events from Phu Cat Air Base. He also performed advertising and publicity



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duties for the Air Force Recruiting Service in Seattle, WA. As an avid broadcaster, Norm also worked at commercial radio stations during his off-duty hours, including KCOG in his hometown of Centerville.

In 1958, while at Offutt AFB, he married Erna Fay Hutchins. Three children were born to them: David in 1963 (Morocco), Nancy in 1964 (Denver) and Kathryn in 1970 (Oregon) while he was in Vietnam. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1974.

In 1975, he married his second wife, Linda Ellen (Gilbert) Pagano in Ogdensburg, NY. Norm was stepfather to Lindas two young sons, Thomas and Daniel Pagano.

In 1979, Norm retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant with over 24 years of service and graduated with a Bachelors degree from the University of Nebraska in Omaha. He then began his civilian career as a public affairs officer with the U.S. Forest Service (Lake Tahoe, CA); U.S. Air Force (McClellan AFB and Mather AFB (Sacramento), and Norton AFB, (San Bernardino, CA); U.S. Army-Europe (Heidelberg, West Germany); U.S. Army (Oakland, CA); and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Los Angeles, CA). While visiting Berlin in 1989, he was present at the fall of the Berlin Wall. In 1996, Norm retired for good.

However, that did not stop traveling. With Linda, he toured Spain, Greece, Egypt, the Danube River, countries of Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania, southern France, the Panama Canal, England, Ireland, and Scotland. Stateside, they took several long driving trips to national parks and a cruise to Hawaii. Of course, they also had many trips to visit family and friends.

In 2016, they moved to Sun City Roseville (near Sacramento). Norm held a FCC amateur (ham) radio license, was active in several clubs, and enjoyed playing golf and researching family genealogy.

Graveside services with military rites will be held at 11:30AM on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at the Oakland Cemetery in Centerville. Memorials in Normans name may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St, Centerville, IA, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com) or on our Facebook page.



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