



Kim Roland Santerre, 78, formerly of Townsend

October 14, 1946 - June 9, 2025

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA: Kim R. Santerre, 78, formerly of Townsend passed away on June 9, 2025. Kim led active and fulfilling life until medical challenges forced him to slow down. Kim was born on October 14, 1946 in Leominster, MA to the late Roland T. Santerre and Irene (Beaulieu) Santerre LeCompte.

He grew up in Leominster and West Townsend. He graduated from North Middlesex High School before attending University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. He graduated from U Mass with a Bachelor of Science in 1968 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Kim entered active duty on July 25, 1968 for his first duty assignment in Corvallis Oregon. He served 24 years in various duty assignments in Germany, California and Japan until his retirement in 1992. His military medals included the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He continued his education during his military service at the University of Southern California where he graduated in 1979 with a Masters Systems Management.

He was married to Ann M. Fessenden, daughter of Orville D. Fessenden & Mary B. Fessenden, on July 24, 1968 in a ceremony held in Brookline NH.

Kim is thought of kindly by his in-laws Mark & Bonnie Fessenden & Susan Salisbury and his nieces & nephews. He is also missed by his two dogs. Kim

pursued many hobbies in his spare time including snow skiing, fishing and hiking in California and Japan, photography, and flying single engine aircraft.

He owned a V-tail Bonanza for many years. He continued his interest in flying as a writer and then as Editor of Light Plane Maintenance LPM from 2003 thru Aug 2016. His publisher wrote the following. "Kim was that rare combination of an exceptional engineer, scientist, pilot and physicist while also able to communicate complex concepts with a crystal clarity that was always prized. He had a special gift for explaining batteries, their construction, their limitations, their recharging challenges, and he made an otherwise impenetrable subject easy to understand.

Kim was also kind, gracious, soft spoken...but he carried a mighty pen when he tackled tough subjects and made them sparkle."

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Gary Sinise Foundation <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org>

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Pepperell Road
Brookline , NH

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUN 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kim Roland Santerre, 78, formerly of Townsend.*



June 25, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *Rebecca F. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kim Roland Santerre, 78, formerly of Townsend.*



Rebecca F. - June 24, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ *Kim's dad and my mother were brother and sister, with his father being the oldest in the family and my mother being the youngest. I remember attending his wedding and thinking besides being such a smart, patriotic gentleman he also was so handsome. There are now only two first cousins left in the family. So sorry to hear he has passed. My condolences to his loved ones.*

Jessica Waugh, Florence's daughter.

Jessica G Waugh - June 20, 2025 at 11:47 PM