



Joel Sterling Squires
May 4, 1944 - June 10, 2025

Joel Sterling Squires, age 81, of Hoover, Alabama, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2025, at UAB West Hospital.

Joel was born on May 4, 1944, in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to Evelyn and Myron Squires. He was the younger of two sons, preceded in birth and death by his brother, Myron Squires.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and later earned his MBA from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Joel proudly served in the United States Army with a tour in Korea as a dog handler and personnel officer.

Following his military service, Joel began a long and successful career in the energy sector, working for Florida Power Corporation in St. Petersburg, Florida, and later for the Tennessee Valley Authority. His career took him to various locations across Alabama and Tennessee, but he spent the majority of his professional life in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he and his family made their home. After retiring, Joel obtained his real estate license.

Joel loved boating and traveling with his beloved wife, Linda Squires. In retirement, he especially cherished their time on Florida's Emerald Coast, where they made their home along the Intracoastal Waterway. Some of

his happiest moments were spent soaking in the serene views from their balcony.

He also found joy in reconnecting with fellow Veterans sharing stories and participating in social gatherings that celebrated their shared experiences.

Joel is survived by his devoted wife, Linda, whose steadfast love and care were a constant source of strength. He is also survived by his daughter, Kristin Cacace, and her husband, Matt Cacace, of Birmingham, Alabama; his son, John Squires of Knoxville, Tennessee; and his grandchildren: Cameron Cacace of Birmingham, Grant Cacace and his wife, Gwennyth Cacace, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Olivia and Mitchell Squires of Knoxville.

A celebration of Joel's life will be held on Monday, June 23, immediately following visitation beginning at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Vestavia Hills Methodist Church.