

Allen Kent Wingfield (June 2, 1946 - August 7, 2015)

Allen Kent Wingfield, born June 2, 1946 in Wray, CO to Robert E. and Dorothy (Thomas) Wingfield, died peacefully on August 7, 2015, at his home in Las Vegas, NV.

Kent, the second of five children, grew up on the family farm southwest of Vernon, CO. He attended Vernon Elementary and graduated from Wray High School in 1964. Too short and small to excel in most sports, Kent found his high school niche on the wrestling squad. His senior year he placed third in state, was chosen as Honorary Captain of the wrestling team, elected president of the Letterman's Club, and president of his senior class. High school wrestling was one of many interests Kent maintained throughout his life.

Following a two year stint in the U.S. Army served in Korea, Kent returned to Colorado where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Northern Colorado while continuing with the U.S. Army Reserves.

In 1974 Kent reenlisted making the Army his career. He served his country honorably for over 26 years, retiring as Chief Warrant Officer 3, the third-highest rank obtainable by a noncommissioned officer.

Kent's several posts included two in West Germany, the Presidio in San Francisco, and four years in the office of Chief of Staff of the Army at the Pentagon where his top secret security clearance afforded him the opportunity to serve as Chief Liaison with Henry Kissinger's Office of the Secretary of State during the Ford Administration. The whirlwind of political activity in Washington, D.C. helped fuel his lifelong interest in current and historical events.

Kent received numerous commendations for his performance of duties, distinguished by exceptional leadership, dedication, professional competence, and managerial expertise. In one commendation, the Commanding Officer of the Army base in Frankfurt, West Germany called Kent "the quiet, efficient one".

Following retirement from the Army in 1995, Kent resided in Las Vegas, NV until his death, indulging his diverse interests in military, medieval and world history, sports of all stripes and movies of every genre as indicated by the extensive library of books and DVD's and his reviews of them all. Family and friend visits to Las Vegas were always enriched by Kent's tour guidance based on his knowledge of the city and its politics.

Kent was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Luana Faye Bott of Florida. He's survived by a sister, Judy (Bob) Bragg of Ellsworth, ME, brothers Dean (Pam) Wingfield of Vernon, CO, and Tom (Sally) Wingfield of Golden, CO.

