



## Andrew F. Gancarz

April 23, 1945 - November 18, 2017

Born April 23, 1945 of Geneva, Illinois and passed November 18, 2017 at home in Summerville, South Carolina.

He lived a life of no regrets and traveled the world. In 1955 he moved to Lake Worth, Florida where his father Andrew T Gancarz and his grandmother Zofia Gancarz raised him. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic School then continued onto Cardinal Newman High School. After graduation he attended Palm Beach Community College where he studied before enlisting into the US Air Force. He was stationed in Omaha Nebraska, Vietnam, Great Britain and Germany where he retired after 26 years; thereafter he worked for the federal government and retired after 21 years from Charleston Air Force Base.

As a young boy he started serving in the church as an altar boy. He enjoyed a paper route and cutting the neighbors grass for some pocket money. He was active in track and even rode his bicycle from Lake Worth to Ft. Lauderdale because he was convinced he would meet the president! He helped his father and his hotel and spent his free time on the ocean and boat with his father fishing.

He met his wife Wilma in Nürnberg Germany where they fell in love and married in 1977. They shared a blended family Konrad Kühn, Petra Silcox, Annuschka Moore and Natascha Fogel. He was a loving Opa to 13

grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He and Wilma have shared 43 years together; he always joked about how she was his souvenir from Germany.

His heart was felt by all who knew him. His smile would light up a room upon entry, his eyes always observed all around. He never knew a stranger, each person had a purpose but he never judged. His family was always his first priority; he was The Rock that held us all together. As each grandchild and great-grandchild was born his joys became stronger and more evident of his love and loyalty to his values as a husband, father and Opa. He lived his life with no regrets and has passed onto the Lord surrounded by his loving wife and children by his side.

Family and friends are invited to attend his visitation Tuesday, November 21, 2017 from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home 303 S. Main St. Summerville SC 29483. Burial will be Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 10 o'clock at Beaufort Veterans National Cemetery, 1601 Boundary St. Beaufort, SC 29902.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Vet Center 3625 W. Montague Ave North Charleston SC 29418 under Andrew F Gancarz would be appreciated he was an active member who weekly participated loving our military past, present and future.

Forever in our hearts Wilma, Konrad, Clasina, Petra, Douglas, Annuschka, Michael, Natascha Lorenzo and all your beloved grandchildren.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.



# Cemetery Details

## Beaufort National Cemetery

1601 Boundary Street  
Beaufort, SC 29902

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Burial

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Beaufort National Cemetery  
1601 Boundary Street  
Beaufort, SC 29902

# Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew F. Gancarz



James A Dyal Funeral Home - November 21, 2017 at 08:15 AM



“ Andrew F. Gancarz

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew F. Gancarz.



November 21, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear Andy passed away. I had never met him in person, but we had talked here and there over the years. My dad remembers growing up with him and Big Andy fondly. You're all in my thoughts.

Ashley O'Beck - November 21, 2017 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Heaven has called upon you today,  
leaving so many words left to say.  
But now it's too late, for your time has come,  
words unspoken; I am sure everybody has some.  
Regrets and wishes are probably there too,  
but lasting forever are memories of you.  
There have been many times that we disagreed,  
but we were there for each other in time of need.  
Now it's time for me to say Good-Bye,  
until we meet again in heaven to fly.*

*George and Christa Coutts*

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**George W Coutts** - November 20, 2017 at 05:06 PM