

Colonel Paul J. Schwehm



Colonel Paul Jerome Schwehm, United States Air Force (Retired), passed away peacefully on June 29, 2026, in Gulf Breeze, Florida, at the age of 92. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1957, Colonel Schwehm was commissioned into the United States Air Force, where he earned his pilot wings and served honorably for three decades. An F-4 Phantom fighter pilot and decorated Vietnam combat veteran, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight. He also received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Southeast Asia and, later in his career, the Legion of Merit. His assignments throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia reflected a lifetime of unwavering dedication to his country.

Colonel Schwehm was equally devoted to his family. He and his wife, Alice Gates Schwehm, shared 65 years of marriage, raising four children while

embracing the opportunities and challenges of an Air Force career that took them around the world. Together, they built a remarkable life of love, adventure, and service.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, and his parents, Paul and Madelyn Schwehm. He is survived by his children, Philip Schwehm and his wife, Kelly; Amanda Bremer and her husband, George; Susanna Schwehm; and Christopher Schwehm; and by his six grandchildren, Sybil, Paul, Drake, Alice, Alec, and Samantha.

A joint interment with full military honors for Colonel Schwehm and his beloved wife will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

“Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth

Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.”

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