



Lester M. Grotpeter

July 28, 1935 - April 30, 2024

Lester M. Grotpeter passed peacefully at home April 30th, 2024. He was 88 years old. A well-respected home builder, Les was known for the quality and beautiful proportions of his houses. He was also remarkable for his skill with aircraft, cars, and motorcycles; he rebuilt an open cockpit Travel Air biplane from boxes of parts into an airworthy plane. Les studied French, Italian, and art at Fontbonne University, and was a talented sculptor. He was a master at spinning a story or telling a joke with a sparkle in his eye. With all of his accomplishments, he was perhaps most proud of his work with the recovery community, of which he had been a part for nearly 37 years. Les never did anything halfway. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Grotpeter, Carol Colter, Sally Sullivan (Stuart), and Mollie Murphy (Gavin), eight grandchildren, Jessica Smith (Troy) and Joe Colter, Jacob (Brooke) and Joshua Sullivan, Lillian and Clara James, and Norah and Roger Murphy, as well as two great grandchildren, Hank and Francesca Smith, two sisters, Marie Wilkerson and Lucy Hull (Chuck), plus his two beloved cats.

Please join the family to celebrate his life May 10th at 4pm at his home in Creve Coeur. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed by Harris House (2706 South River Road St. Charles, MO 63303) and the National Historic Aircraft Restoration Museum (3127 Creve Coeur Mill Road Maryland Heights, MO 63146). Please contact mgrotpeter@gmail.com for more information and directions.