



Louis Mello

August 19, 1932 - December 7, 2025

Louis Carreira Mello, 93, of Mooresville, passed away on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at his residence.

He was born on August 19, 1932 in Cambridge, MA, to the late Louis and Estrella Carreira Mello. Mr. Mello was retired from the US Air Force, serving in Korea and Vietnam. He was also retired from the US Federal Government.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ida Murphy.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Hoyt Mello; son, Michael Mello; stepchildren, Kenneth Braido, John Gallina, Tammy Pate, Lisa Frye; sister, Edwina Mello; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 12:30 PM on Friday, December 19 at Salisbury National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Carolina Caring Hospice, 3975 Robinson Rd, Newton, NC 28658.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Mello family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 19. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery
501 Statesville Blvd
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers and condolences for you and your family.



Susie James and family - December 12, 2025 at 06:40 PM

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cassie - December 11, 2025 at 06:20 PM

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Mike Mello - December 11, 2025 at 01:57 AM

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“ My father served 28 years with the USAF, starting in 1951 at Sampson AFB, NY; then Port Lyautey, French Morocco; an undisclosed "K" hilltop in Korea; Tachikawa AB, Japan; Paine Field, WA; Tan Son Nut AB, Viet Nam; Johnson AB, Japan; Ching Chuan Kan AB, Taiwan; McDill AFB, FL; Langley AFB, VA; and finally Holloman AFB, NM, where he retired in 1979 as a SMSgt NCOIC of the legal office. during his service he earned the Korean Defense Medal, the UN (Korea) medal, the Viet Nam Service medal, the Air Force Good Conduct, Commendation, and Meritorious Service medals, plus quite a few other ribbons as a result of his well-travelled career. He was a civil service court reporter for the 9th Air Force based at Shaw AFB, SC for 15 years, and recorded courts martial over a wide swath of the Atlantic and Iceland. We were actually on active duty at the same time for a brief period in 1979.

He did enough travelling to have obtained million-miler status on the airline that takes more people to more places they don't want to go than any other airline in the free world: MAC.

His huge extended family were able to share the quiet, humble grace that was my dad, and I'm so glad he had all of you to love during the latter part of his life. Thank you Carolyn, Lisa, and Cassie. He hardly ever asked for much (except for premium cigars, because life is too short for cheap cigars) but got so much love from all of you.

Dad had an interesting life, from being an Eagle Scout and roller-skating ladies man in high school to an adult experience that few today can imagine. I'm proud to have been his only child, to have followed in his career footsteps, and to have passed the life lessons he taught me to his three grandchildren. We're all successful, and like Dad, want for very little, except the love that comes naturally.

Rest in peace, Dad. We'll see you again, in God's good time.

Mike Mello - December 11, 2025 at 01:52 AM