

**SOTC – OPERATION BARNABAS**  
**Veteran of the Month Prayer Card**

**December 2022**

**Don Rau**



**US AIR FORCE –1966 - 1970**

Don grew up in Ellington, CT. He joined the Air Force and did his basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. His first year in the military, he attended electronics school at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS.

He was then stationed at Westover AFB in Springfield, MA, where he repaired B-52s. For the next two years, he did electronics repair on C-97s at Wiesbaden Air Base, in Wiesbaden, Germany. During his tour Don attained the rank of Sargent.

After the military he had several short-term jobs before becoming a self-employed General Contractor.

After schooling at Concordia Mequon, WI, he was a Lay Minister at a church in South Windsor, CT, where he led worship services, Bible studies, and worked with the youth. He worked for 40 years in Nebraska and Connecticut.

Don and Cristy moved to Palm Coast in 2015 from Orange Park, FL. Married for 51 years, they have been blessed with three children and six grandchildren who live in Connecticut and Florida. Don and Cristy spend six months in both states to enjoy their family. Don's favorite sport was golfing with his dad, which he did for many years. Now he enjoys kayaking, riding his bike, and walks with Cristy.