



Howard Tefft

June 13, 1933 - February 28, 2012

Col. Howard E. Tefft, USAF (Ret.) born June 13, 1933, died February 28, 2012 after a two year battle with lung cancer. He was the son of Eldred Virgil Tefft and Geneva Geraldine Lester Tefft, both deceased, of Parkersburg, West Virginia. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Cincinnati, OH and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Industrial Engineering and Management from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Colonel Tefft was a 22 year veteran of the United States Air Force, rising from the rank of 2nd Lieutenant to full Colonel at his retirement in 1979. He served in a variety of engineering positions in the Air Force including assignments in England, Canada, Taiwan the Philipines and a one year tour during the Vietnam War at Nacho Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. He was a distinguished Graduate of the Air Force Command and Staff College and a graduate of the Industrial College of the Operations and Maintenance, Engineering Directorate at Headquarters USAF in the Pentagon. He was awarded a Commendation Medal and The Legion of Merit for his achievements. After retirement from the Air Force, Colonel Tefft worked in a variety of engineering positions in West Virginia and Georgia. His position as Chief of Security for the Southeast Division of MCI Telecommunications provided many amusing stories of fraud prevention and detection. Colonel Tefft was a longtime member and Deacon at the Roswell First Baptist Church and an active worker in the Republican Party. He served on the Alpharetta Zoning Appeals Board and was a member of the Sons of the Confederate

Veterans. Colonel Tefft is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Suzanne Sammons Tefft; sons, Howard E. Tefft, Jr. (Carol) of Cornelius, North Carolina, and Kirk E. Tefft of Valdosta, GA; step-children, W. Gage Barker, Jr. (Katherine) of Duluth, GA, Anne Sammons Barker Peacock (Earl) of Buford, GA; grandson, Howard E. Tefft, III; step-grandchildren, Sarah Anne Peacock, Laura Sammons Peacock, Rachel Louise Peacock Scott (Clay), Joshua Gage Barker, Madeline Marie Barker, Griffin Gage Barker, Chad Hess; great-grandson, Aaron Michael Tefft; step-granddaughter, Millie Anne Scott; sister, Judith Caroline Helfer (Fred) of Nashville, TN. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 11:00AM at Roswell First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Georgia National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lung Cancer or the Roswell First Baptist Church in his memory. The Tefft family will receive friends on Thursday, March 1, 2012 from 2-4 and 6-8pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, GA. 770-645-1414. Wwwnorthsidechapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Visitation

MAR 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Roswell
710 Mimosa Blvd.
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Tefft*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *It ia an honor to pay tribute to Colonel Howard Tefft. Meeting Howard in the Air Force at graduate school, it was readily evident that he was a man of great wit/wisdom and humor. Other words that portray Howard include- professional, dedicated,dependable, understated and, above all, a 'great-friend'. Our warmest and kindest thoughts and prayers are extended to Suzanne and entire Tefft family.##imported-begin##Don and Carla Galias##imported-end##*

April 05, 2012 at 07:38 PM



“ *Suzanne and family, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Patsy and George Smith##imported-end##*

March 02, 2012 at 01:06 PM



“ Suzie:

I am saddened by Howard's death and send my sincerest regrets that I can't join Jane in Rosewell with you. At Libby's passing, Fred said "I don't know what to do for she didn't leave me any instructions. At Fred's death people said to me at least he wouldn't suffer anymore. Those words, though sincere, didn't help me for my thoughts were "Now what do I do" in dealing with the sadness and loss. Healing comes and with it are wonderful memories that flood my daily life. I wish the same for you. Know that I join your loving family in remembrance of your wonderful husband who made everyone around him at ease.

Jane's favorite prayer at these times comes from the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church:

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Love,

Bob Harris, Parkersburg, WV##imported-begin##Robert K. Harris##imported-end##

March 01, 2012 at 07:26 PM



“ *To the Tefft family- I was fortunate to meet Howard at several Alpharetta functions- He certainly was an honorable man, and I am sorry to hear of his passing.##imported-begin##Wes Williams##imported-end##*

February 29, 2012 at 06:31 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by Howard's passing. He was a great contributor to the nation and the community as well as his family. We will miss him and think of him often in the coming years###imported-begin##Jim and Rose Lappe###imported-end##

February 29, 2012 at 10:13 AM



“ Dearest Suzanne and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your dear husband and father. You are all in our prayers. May God hold you and comfort you as only He can do.
Love, Dianne and Joe###imported-begin##Dianne and Joe Lazzarfi###imported-end##

February 29, 2012 at 09:32 AM