



Edward Francis Danowitz Sr

January 18, 1921 - January 24, 2013

DANOWITZ, Edward F. Sr., (92), Hermitage Drive, Altamonte Springs, was called to muster with his Creator January 24, 2013. Born in Chicago, IL, he was predeceased in death by his parents, William and Malvina, and brothers, Chester and Stanley. He attended primary and secondary schools in Red Bank, NJ and following graduation from Holy Cross College in 1942 entered the United States Marine Corps and remained on active duty until 1972 retiring with the rank of colonel. He served in combat in WWII, Korea, the Dominican Republic and Vietnam. During his service he was devotedly supported by his wife Mitzi, who assumed all family responsibilities during each of his three 12-month deployments overseas. For this he was eternally grateful. While on active duty he earned the MA degree from George Washington University and the MA and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in Russian Language and Studies. Upon retirement from the Marine Corps he joined the faculty of Rollins College where he taught Russian and Spanish and served as department chairman. He was a dedicated Roman Catholic and communicant at St. Mary Magdalen Church where he prayed and served in numerous capacities for more than 40 years. With his service to God, Corps and Country he was equally devoted to his family and enjoyed spending time with his loving wife, Mitzi, his family on cruises, at the beach and reunions. As he had been supported by his own parents, immigrants from Poland, he encouraged his children and grandchildren in their studies and was proud of the success that each one had achieved at

baccalaureate and post-graduate levels. Birthdays and anniversaries were never to be forgotten and were celebrated with love. The Colonel is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Mitzi, whom he married upon his return from WWII and China. Other survivors include daughters, Mary Ann, Raleigh, NC; Joan Jones, Marietta, GA; Nancy Williamson, Casselberry; Sharon Haffey, Jacksonville and son, Edward F. Jr., Marietta, GA, 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Local arrangements by DeGusipe Funeral Home, Maitland. The family will receive friends during viewing at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, Altamonte Springs on Monday, January 28 from 6 to 8 pm. The mass of the Christian burial will be celebrated at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen on Tuesday, January 29 at 11 am. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Third Marine Division Memorial Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 254, Chalfont, PA 18914 or a charity of your choice. Please view and sign the guestbook at www.DeGusipeFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 831-1212
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
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Tribute Wall

MS

“ It was my honor to serve under this great Marine in both the 9th Marines and 2nd Combined Action Groups. A great CO and a fine man. He will be missed.
Semper Fidelis,
Cpl Michael Scott

Michael Scott - March 10, 2013 at 07:35 PM

WG

“ Semper Fidelis
Cpl Wilfredo Gonzalez
Longwood, FL

Wilfredo Gonzalez - January 29, 2013 at 09:28 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts are with you. Julia and Jeff Walker

Julia Storberg-Walker - January 28, 2013 at 02:31 PM

AC

“ Our thoughts are with the family during this time.
Aaron and Pooneh



Aaron Clarke - January 28, 2013 at 12:33 PM

DG

“ *Mitzi, Ed Jr., & family,
I was Ed's Combat Correspondent during the Dominican Republic crisis and we became close friends after I became manager of the Third Marine Division Association. I respected and loved him and will miss him greatly. He was my idea of a perfect gentlemen and a fine leader.
Don H. Gee, GySgt., USMC (Ret)*

Don H. Gee - January 26, 2013 at 02:46 PM

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“ *Although I didn't know Colonel Danowitz personally, I served in Combined Action Company Oscar (Khe Sanh, 1967 - 1968), and I respect his long service and many accomplishments both military and academic. Colonel Danowitz was a true warrior-scholar. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his wife and family in their time of loss.*

F. J. Taylor, USMC (Ret.) - January 26, 2013 at 11:39 AM

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“ *John Kellenyi purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Edward Francis Danowitz Sr.*



John Kellenyi - January 25, 2013 at 02:31 PM



“ *Red Mixed Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Edward Francis Danowitz Sr.*



January 25, 2013 at 02:31 PM