



Col. USAR retired Rolly A Davis

October 25, 2007

Rolly A Davis Jr., Col. USAR Retired, passed away Thursday, Oct., 25th at Cypress Palms in Largo following a short illness. He was 82. Col. Davis was born in Philadelphia, Pa and came to Largo in 1987. He was a veteran of WW II serving as a gunner with the 306th Bomb Group in the European Theater of Operations. With his fellow crew members, he flew 34 missions in a B-17G, the "Steady Heady" beginning in Normandy and ending with the Rhineland Campaign. He was awarded the European Service Medal with four bronze stars and the Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters. Following the war, Col. Davis returned home to attend college. He graduated from West Chester State (Pa) College and the University of Pennsylvania. He taught science in the Philadelphia and Marple-Newton, Pa. schools. He also continued his military service. After graduation from college, Col. Davis was awarded a commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He served through the Cold War Era and the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired in 1985 with the rank of Colonel, US Army Reserve. He enjoyed sharing his life with and caring for his family along with cruise travel, photography, visits to Europe and the arts, especially music and opera. He was a member of the Reserve Officers Assoc. and Anona United Methodist Church. He is survived by a niece Ruth(Ronald) Staufenberg, Largo, another niece Dorothy (David) Graham, Jupiter, and his nephew James McConnell of Seminole. Also, a grand niece Deanne(John) Ondrovic, Seminole and a grand newpew Thomas(Deanna) McConnell of Silver Springs, MD. His family wishes to

express their gratitude to the pastoral staff and members of Anona Church, the Hospice Teal Team and to the staff at Palms of Largo for their compassionate care and many personal acts of kindness. Friends will be received Monday Oct. 29th from 6-7 pm at the funeral home where funeral services will be conducted at 7pm with private interment to follow. Friends and loved ones may honor his memory and devotion to God and Country with a donation to Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Col. USAR retired Rolly A Davis uploaded a photo*

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“ *John R. Hill - Cousin posted a condolence Dear Ruth, Jim & Dorothy, My deepest sympathy for your loss. Bud was not only a relative, but also a friend who will be missed by all of us who knew him. My sisters also extend their condolences on this sad occasion.*

John R. Hill - Cousin - October 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM