



Colonel Clair Repple

May 19, 1944 - August 27, 2022

Colonel Clair Repple, age 78, passed away, August 27, 2022. Col. Repple was born in Wichita, KS, May 19, 1944, moved to Columbus, Ohio in 1945, then to Miami, FL 1949. Graduated Miami Jackson High School, G.T. Baker Aviation School 1962 and Louisiana State University 1967. Entered US Air Force May 1967 and commissioned 2nd Lt. August 1967. He served as Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Job control Duty Officer 60th Military Airlift Wing Travis AFB, CA, Southeast Asia 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing UDORN Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, 916th Air Refueling Squadron Travis AFB, CA, Air Logistics Command, Kelly AFB, TX, Logistics Group Commander Dobbins AFB, GA, 94th, Tactical Airlift Wing. Col. Repple served during the Vietnam War, Just Cause, Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Southern Watch. Retired May 1999 with 32 years of service. After retirement he instructed aircraft maintenance at Atlanta Technical College for two years and then went on to teach at Missionary Aviation Institute in Mocksville, NC so that his skills could be used to further the Kingdom. Col. Repple moved to Leesburg, FL, Nov. 2007, where he faithfully attended and served at First Baptist Church of Leesburg (People Helpers Program) and Jacksonville Port Ministry. He was the loving husband of his wife Sharon; loving father of daughters Maya (Andres) Rivera, Woodstock, GA and Karla (David) Zisook, Decatur, GA; loving brother of Glenn (Joanie) Repple, Winter Springs, FL; loving step-father of Philip Self, Winter Garden, FL, Matthew (Katie) Self, Windermere, FL and Jessica (James) Hawbaker, Alabaster, AL; loving grandfather of

grandchildren Anastasia and Andy Rivera, Zoe and Max Zisook, Crosby and Ben Hawbaker, Amanda and Jonathan Self, and Charlie Moeller.

The family would like to thank, Mike Clifford, RN, for his friendship and faithful loving care over the past seven years. The immediate family wishes also to thank his extended family and friends for their love and support during his valiant fight against cancer.

Visitation will be held at Beyers Funeral Home on August 31st from 5-7 pm.

Services will be held on September 1st at 10:30am at First Baptist Leesburg, Rev. Philip Self officiating. Col. Repple will be interred at Florida National Cemetery Bushnell, FL at 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to First Baptist Church of Leesburg.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Service

SEP 1. 10:30 AM.

First Baptist Leesburg

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Colonel Clair Repple*



Beyers Funeral Home - August 31, 2022 at 01:54 PM

BE

“ *Hard to choose the right words to describe this giant of a man. A Christian who worked and taught in the missionary aircraft maintenance field and gave a great amount of himself to God's work. An outstanding officer and commander in the USAF whom I served under. A good solid friend that was a pleasure to visit and talk to after retirement. Clair, I will miss you greatly but plan on seeing you in the future! Godspeed my friend! Bill Estes*

Bill Estes - August 30, 2022 at 01:56 PM

SR

Thank you Bill for your beautiful thoughts.

Sharon Q Repple - August 30, 2022 at 11:05 PM

LB

I have known Clair for many years. he was my boss at the 94th cam SQ at Dobbins AFB. we traveled so many places together. I can't count the times we went to Panama on his team, we also made the desert in 91.

Col. Repple was a true leader and one of the finest officers I have ever met. I will never forget the man, or that big smile of his.

May God bless him and his wonderful family.

CMSGT Louis Boos [ret]

Louis Boos - August 31, 2022 at 04:48 PM

HK

Indeed had the honor and pleasure to work for and get to know this gentleman during our military years at Dobbins ARB. He was certainly an inspirational leader to me personally and collectively to the men and women he served with. He absolutely brought a unique and courageous approach and understanding to the oft time challenges of the military and aviation maintenance. For certain his final flight landed on streets of Gold! Always cherished - never forgotten! Hunter Kelly

Hunter Kelly - September 01, 2022 at 08:21 AM

RM

Sharon, I did not know your husband, however, by the looks of the video, he was a wonderful, husband, father, son and, grandfather who adored his family. You were blessed to have such a man. May your memories of the life you shared with him live on one day at a time. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Rose Martens

Rosalie Angela Martens - September 01, 2022 at 12:39 PM

AC

Clair was my assistance Maintenance Officer at Dobbins, I first met him when he came home from the Violent Oak Airlift Competition with the Best Wing Team Trophy. The Maintenance team that Claire built was the best in the Military Airlift Command for 1986. Not one to rest on his laurels, his team also won the Best Maintenance Team Trophy the next year. His leadership of the team he built is a tribute to Claire's talents. I enjoyed serving with him for nine years and could rely on him to produce excellent results. He will be missed by all who knew him, my prayers are with you and his family.

Albert A. Cameron, Col, USAF, Ret.

Albert Cameron - September 01, 2022 at 03:27 PM

SR

In some of Clair's last prayers, he prayed for the 94th, Tactical Airlift Wing and lifted up you Bill Estes, and Boos by name.

Sharon Q Repple - September 11, 2022 at 03:36 PM