



## Craig Kunkle

July 21, 1926 - August 15, 2011

### Obituary of Craig Kunkle

Craig B. Kunkle, Sr., 85, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2011. Craig was born on July 21, 1926 in Johnstown, PA and moved to The Villages, FL in 2002. Craig graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and went on to receive his Master's degree from the University of Connecticut. Craig worked for United Technologies in Hartford, Connecticut, and in 1961, was transferred to their Pratt & Whitney division in Palm Beach County, Florida. During his 38 years with Pratt, Craig received several patents for jet engine fuel systems. His proudest career achievement was being part of the team that designed and built the SR-71, the famous Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft which required him to spend 8 months in Area 51. Craig had three passions in his life; his family, who always came first. Golf was his second passion- he enjoyed the same Saturday morning tee time at North Palm Beach Country Club for more than 30 years. Craig's third passion was coaching youth baseball, which he did for more than 15 years. Craig and his wife Barbara were among the founders of The Villages Florida Club. Craig is survived by his loving wife, Barbara, his older brother Charles(Dorothy) Kunkle, son, Craig, Jr. (Marlette) Palm Beach Gardens, son, Robert, Port St. Lucie, daughters, Jill (Mark) Krantz and Lee Ann (Steve) Day both of Lake City, seven grandchildren: Sara, Stephen, Stacey, Lynnea, Heather, DeAnna & Bo, two great grandchildren: Abygail & Carter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you remember Craig in your prayers and memories or if you wish, a contribution be made in Craig's memory to Alzheimer's Family Organization, P O Box 1939, New Port Richey, FL 34656.

A private family service is planned at Royal Memorial Gardens, West Palm Beach, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Craig Kunkle*

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