



Donald C. Polk

December 2, 1937 - February 9, 2018

Donald C. Polk, 80, of The Villages, Florida passed away Friday, February 9, 2018 at home, surrounded by his family.

Donald was born December 2, 1937 in Miami, Florida. He graduated from High Springs HS in 1955; joining the US Navy upon graduating. On April 24, 1956, he married Miss Charlotte Wynelle Fowler. Donald was a cryptologic technician in the Navy and excelled to the rank of Senior Chief, earning numerous citations and awards throughout his career. For a period, Donald got out of the Navy and was employed by Copeland Sausage Company - the man knew his sausage. After traveling the world, he retired from the Navy but continued training his beloved sailors working for two Government (circus) contractors, SWL followed by TRW. He liked to brag he got his job at TRW while he was sleeping.

Donald was a larger than life, masterful story teller, a prankster extraordinaire but above all, a family man. He had a name for everyone, even if he didn't, "Bud" or "Sapsucker" worked, as he never met a stranger. An avid golfer, he spent many days and more dollars in pursuit of the elusive hole in one. On June 15, 2004, he hacked his way to an Eagle.

Donald is survived by his wife, C. Wynelle Polk, his daughters: Terri Johnson (Mike), Trinity, FL; Donna Branham (Sid), Wilmington, NC; and Charlene Polk

of Williamsburg, VA; 6 grandchildren, Jennifer Rollins (Jason); Heather Sigafose (Steve); Danielle Baccante (Collin); Rachel Clair (Sean); Jenna Gates (Drew); Nicholas Branham (Nicki) Brady Polk; 6 Great-Grandchildren; twin brother Dennis Polk; sister, Caroline Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Jessie Baker Polk, sister, Janet Lamb, and granddaughter, Ashley Brockett.

Fair Winds and Following Seas - Rest in Peace Shipmate - "Be Different, Be Good!"

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Village Church of Christ, 1421 Oak Street, Lady Lake, FL 32158.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL., 32778 / donate@cshospice.org or to the Village Church of Christ, PO Box 1051, Lady Lake, FL 32158.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ See you later.



Donna Branham - February 13, 2018 at 01:41 PM

GW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Polk family during this difficult passage. Having known Donna for so many years as an incredible woman, she came to those characters, obviously, through the strength of her father and mother.



Gene & Karla White - February 13, 2018 at 07:34 AM

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“ Donald was a unique individual, who touched many lives, and left an indelible impression. He and Wynelle have been a marvelous team, and great hosts to all who visited them. His sense of humour, and infectious laugh will live on in our memory. Sincere sympathy to Wynelle and family for your loss.

Alastair & Beverley Robertson - February 12, 2018 at 04:07 PM

DB

“ He was always my best friend. Don was a unique combination of morals, integrity, courage, and the characteristic I always valued most: CLASS.

So long Don. I will see you on the other side.

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David C. Bailey - February 12, 2018 at 03:25 PM

KB

“ My prayers go out to all of you at this sad time.



Karen Blodgett - February 10, 2018 at 06:08 AM

CP

“ You will forever be in my heart. I could not have asked for a better dad. I was lucky to be chosen to be your daughter. I love you.



Charlene Polk - February 09, 2018 at 04:33 PM

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Charlene Polk - February 09, 2018 at 04:32 PM