



Farrell Massey

November 14, 1939 - December 19, 2020

Farrell D. Massey, 81, The Villages, Florida, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2020. He was born on November 14, 1939, son to the late Luther and Gladys Massey.

Farrell grew up in Benton, Arkansas and after graduating high school he joined the United States Navy on October 1, 1958. He served aboard the USS Hancock CV-19 and was deployed to Japan and Vietnam. While stationed briefly at the San Diego Naval Yard Petty Officer 2nd Class Journalist Massey met his future wife Connie. Farrell said the first time he saw Connie, when she walked in the room he had a lump in his throat and knew he was going to marry her. They were married for 59 years until Connie's passing in 2018.

After Farrell's discharge from active duty on November 5, 1962 he relocated to Dallas, Texas and worked as a salesman for Brown-Forman Distillers. Over the years, Farrell became one of the top salesperson in the company, always over exceeding sale projections and won many awards and trips to England and Puerto Rico. During his 35 year career, corporate transfers moved his family from Texas to Arizona to Indiana to Massachusetts and Cincinnati, Ohio; 14 homes later Farrell and his wife retired in 2000 to their final home in The Villages, Florida.

Farrell was a longtime member of the American Legion Veteran's Memorial

Post #347 in Lady Lake, Florida and Honor Guard. He was the Post Chaplain as well as the Honor Guard Chaplain and 40&8 Chaplain. He was an avid and accomplished golfer, with several holes-in-one, who loved to play with his friends, son and son-in-law, and couple golfing with his wife. He enjoyed reading, sports, weekend get-a-ways, concerts, jazz, and his wife playing the Navy Hymn on the piano. Farrell was extremely outgoing, easy to talk with, and the first person to welcome you and make you feel included. He was a great story teller, life of the party, had a wonderful smile and infectious laugh. He loved his family, tucked his wife in bed every night and was very proud of his children and grandchildren; as they were proud of him. Farrell will be missed.

Farrell is survived by his daughter Tracie Mucciarone and her husband John, Bellingham, Massachusetts, his son Dean Massey, Apollo Beach, Florida; granddaughter Carly Mucciarone, Bellingham, Massachusetts, and grandson, Ryan Massey, Lakewood, Ohio.

A gathering will be held at the Lady Lake Chapel of Beyer's Funeral Home on Monday, January 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A committal service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery with military honors provided by the American Legion Honor Guards. In lieu of flowers friends who wish may send memorials to the American Legion Post 347, Lady Lake, Florida. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

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“ *A first class gentleman. I had the honor of working with Farrell for 10 years in the spirits industry, representing the worlds best brands in Ohio.*

Farrell taught me so much on how to be the best I could be for the company.

He had a unique style, all his own. I would watch him use his product knowledge and his ability to immediately connect with anyone he would meet. Having said that, he would close the deal, every time. It was great to witness him in action.

Farrell always kept his word, he was honest and had a work ethic like no other.

I will always treasure the memories of our monthly work-with schedule, while I was at Universal Marketing Co., Columbus, Ohio. I often referred to him as "The Last Of The Mohican's" because all the new junior executives would pale in comparison to the Master! Farrell, I always thought I'd see you again some day in Florida and finally meet Connie.

I was so sad to see this come up when I searched for you today, Sir. Thank you for all the life lessons, and the great times. It was a privilege to work with you, and call you my friend.

Cyndy Miller.

Cyndy Miller - March 23, 2025 at 07:45 PM

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“ *Upon returning to The Villages I discovered with sadness that Farrell had passed away. Although I did not know him well, we served together briefly with the American Legion Honor Guard, Post 347 Lady Lake. Farrell without a doubt was the perfect person to be the Post's chaplain. He was thoughtful and kind. May he rest in peace and may his family find peace, as well.*

Rick Anderson - March 20, 2021 at 02:57 PM

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“ Tracy, John, Carly and Ryan,

Chris and I are sp sorry for the loss of Farrell and Dean.

We have fond memories of golf with Farrell, and lunch with Dean.

We send our sympathies to you all.

Sincerely, Chris and Clare

Chris and Clare Flesor - January 09, 2021 at 02:02 PM