



George E. Shoemaker

September 30, 1923 - September 15, 2015

Obituary of George Shoemaker

Shoemaker, George E., 91, of Leesburg passed away September 15, 2015. Born September 30, 1923 in Los Angeles, CA and moved with his mother, Alpha Pedersen, to Bridgeport, CT. As a youngster, George worked many jobs to help support his mother and brothers. After High School George served in the 8th Army Air Corps Heavy Bombardment Group during WWII. As a radio operator/gunner on a B-17, he was stationed in England and flew 33 missions in the European theater. During a mission he was wounded yet continued his assignment back to the base. George received the Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross and was honorably discharged in 1945. George graduated from the University of Bridgeport. During his career he held managerial positions in the automobile business and later was a credit card fraud investigator for national banks. George and Betsy Jordan moved to the Plantation at Leesburg in December 1993. Through his generosity of time, effort, and kindness, he was always supporting charitable organizations, his friends and neighbors. He was a member of Eustis Elks Lodge #1578 BPOE, a Master Mason at the Leesburg Lodge and a very active charter member in the High Twelve group at the Plantation. He held various offices and was a faithful contributor to their annual charity golf events. George contributed in many ways to military organizations, the Salvation Army, and the Greentree Village Homeowners Association. If any of these organizations needed help,

he would answer with "I will be there". His thoughtfulness touched many lives. His son Bryan Shoemaker preceded him in death. Survivors include his life partner, Betsy Jordan; his daughters, Janet Shoemaker and Donna Perras; his grandchildren, Matthew, Jason, and Georgianna Shoemaker and Darcy Perras; and Betsy's sons, Scott and Peter. A Memorial Service will be held at the Plantation Memorial Park Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 9:30 am. Inurnment will follow at Florida National Cemetery at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 491265, Leesburg, FL 34749.

Tribute Wall

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“ *A good man. I was proud he was my brother in law. My best to his loved ones Sadly Marian D'Elia*

Marian Wakeman D'Elia - October 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *George E. Shoemaker*

Gloria Stansfield - September 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolence go out to Ms Besty and all of Mr George family at this sad time in their lives. Even though I did not know Mr George long the last few years that he came to see me every Thursday morning was very special to me. I will still be looking at that door on Thursdays because I know you are still here in my heart. Until we meet again leave some mac-n-cheese for me. Love you. Gloria.*

Gloria Stansfield - September 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Gloria Stansfield - September 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of this fine man. The service he performed for this country in WW2 was second to none, and I hope he knew we appreciated it. I will remember the visits us "Mainers" had with him and Betsy, and how he would tease us about our Red sox! rest in Peace, George, and love and comfort sent to Betsey, Peter, Scott and the rest of those who loved and knew him...*

Roger Stevens - September 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thinking about you Betsy and all your wonderful decades with George. I'm sorry I never got the chance to be in his presence, but the written words about him and the stories you and Peter have told me about him speak volumes about what a great man he was. You will hold hands with him again in the kingdom of God, Jesus and Mary. Love, Carolan

Carolan Sommer - September 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ It looks like another of the great warriors of the greatest generation has left us and the memories of my visits with him at Lake Harris Health brings a smile to my face and a deep sense of appreciation for this kind and cheerful man during the waning months of his life . Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Dennis Enix - September 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ George E. Shoemaker

September 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM