



Paul M. Fletcher

October 7, 1920 - May 29, 2018

Paul Mitchell Fletcher, Colonel, US Army (Retired), passed away on May 29, 2018, from natural causes after a short hospitalization. He was a resident at Freedom Pointe, The Villages, FL. Paul was 97 years old.

Paul, a native Virginian, was born in Clintwood, Virginia, the son of a farm agent and teacher. He entered the US Army in 1942 following commissioning and graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He served 32 years consecutively, surviving wartime assignments during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. During his Army career Paul served as an Infantry platoon leader, company and battalion commander, as well as in several administrative, personnel and logistical assignments. Among his many service awards, Colonel Fletcher was awarded four awards of the Legion of Merit for meritorious performance of duty.

Following retirement from the Army in 1974, Paul and his youngest son, Douglas, assisted a contractor to build his retirement home in Oak Harbor, Washington, where he and his first wife, Marjorie Ellen Buehler, planned to live. Paul met Marjorie while she was serving with the American Red Cross in Europe during World War II. For eight years, Paul worked as a clerk with the Washington Alcoholic Control Board. Marjorie died in 1986. The following year, Paul met Barbara Jane Reway and remarried. They continued to live in Oak Harbor for several years and enjoyed many visits from his children, their

spouses, grandchildren, and a multitude of friends. In the early 1990's, Paul and Barbara relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and ultimately moved to The Villages.

Paul was an avid fisherman, hunter, world traveler, gardener, poker player, and golfer. He enjoyed playing golf at the Villages with his friends and sons. Paul also loved his hunting dogs. His home in his earlier years always had at least one dog, with Chausie and Sam the most well remembered. He volunteered at his church and was active in Free Masonry, Shriners, Elks, and the Military Officers Association of America.

Colonel Fletcher was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Bernie Fletcher, and his siblings (Elizabeth, Juanita, Clyde and Fred Noel). Paul is survived by his wife, Barbara, children (Pamela, David, Dale, Susan and Douglas), thirteen grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. At one time, Paul's three sons and a daughter-in-law were officers serving in the US Army.

Visitation will be held at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 10:00 to 11:00a.m. with a funeral service at 11:00a.m. Burial will be at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

Memorial Donations may be made to: Army Emergency Relief, 2530 Crystal Drive, 13th Floor, Room 13161, Arlington, VA 22202; www.AERHQ.ORG; (703) 601-2768

Tribute Wall

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“ Paul always had a good word to say. Patrick still remembers the golf balls! Every Halloween was special when Paul made a point to praise the costumes and give Patrick and Katie Barbara's freshly popped popcorn. Paul took time for everyone, adults and children, alike. Truly kind, truly a gentleman, and always humble. Peace be with you, always.

The Stallings Family - Weston - June 06, 2018 at 08:38 PM

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“ May God bless and keep each one of you who are grieving this loss. He was a wonderful, kind and humorous man who loved his family and lived a life of remembering others. He will be missed here as he is welcomed into Heaven, where all things are made new.



Jan Nisbet (Pam Walkers lifetime friend) - June 05, 2018 at 01:44 PM

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“ Dale, please accept my sincere condolences. You, Janice and your entire family are in my prayers.



Cathy Stewart - June 04, 2018 at 02:24 PM

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“ Over the past few years I had the opportunity to meet Col. Fletcher on a number of occasions. As an ambassador on the golf courses, we have the opportunity to serve many people. Paul was the most polite and gracious golfer I ever dealt with. Not only would he always address me by name, when he was finished playing, he would come by the starter shack and thank us for letting him play. He was a real gentleman.

Ernest Tafoya - June 04, 2018 at 06:55 AM