



William DeFries

April 5, 2010

Obituary of William DeFries

Colonel William A. DeFries, M.D. USAF, Retired, 93 of The Villages, FL died on Monday, April 5, 2010. Dr. DeFries was born in Manila, Philippine Islands and moved to The Villages from Santa Barbara, CA in 1994. He was retired from the USAF in 1963. After retiring from the USAF, Dr. DeFries was the State Regional Health Officer for Sumter and Pasco Counties in Florida. Next, his career led him to California where he served as the County Health Officer for Fresno County; was an Associate Professor at Fresno State University; was a Doctor at the County Free Clinics in Firebaugh, CA; and served as the Sr. Medical Consultant for the State of CA. He also served in the Surgeon General's office in Washington, DC as the Director of Professional Services.

He is survived by his wife, Vira E. DeFries, The Villages, FL; 3 sons: William C. DeFries, Clemson, SC; Richard D. DeFries, Warrensburg, MO; and Donald R. Conard, Topeka, KS; 2 daughters: Cecilia L. DeFries, Germantown, MD and Patty A. Vardilos, Dallas, TX; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, David M. DeFries.

A Funeral Service will be held at 2:30 PM on Monday, April 12, 2010 at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake, FL with Reverend Charles Holmes officiating. Visiting Hours will be from 1:30 " 2:30 PM prior to the service. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Chapel of Christian Faith 1401 Paradise Dr, Lady Lake, FL 32159; or to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dearest Vira & Family, We were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing when Lorene Haynes called to let us know. Dad (Lee Miller) and myself (Susan), George and Thad Alexander send our love and sincere condolences. We have many fond memories of the years you both lived here in Fresno, CA. We are thinking about you, God bless you. The Millers & Alexanders ~ Fresno, CA*

The Millers - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *William DeFries*

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