



George Garrant

February 27, 1927 - May 25, 2011

Col George F. Garrant

Col. George F. Garrant age 84, passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at his residence.

Born in Plattsburgh, NY on February 27, 1927, George was drafted in mid 1945 while living in Saranac Lake, NY. He served in WWII, Korean and the Vietnam Wars, serving more than 31 years on active duty plus 3 years in the NY National Guard. He served in the Armored, Infantry and Intelligence Corps. In Japan George served at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East. In Korea he earned the Combat Infantry Badge in 1953 while serving with 7th Regt of the 3rd Infantry Division. He commanded the 8th Radio Relay Field Station at Phu Bai in Vietnam and later served at SHAPE, Belgium as The Chief of the Intelligence Division for NATO from 1970-1975. His decorations included the Department of Defense Superior Defense Medal, The Legion of Merit with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, The Joint Service Commendation Medal, The Army Commendation Medal and numerous Service Medals. In summary, George served 8 years in the Pacific and 14 years in Europe. He had 4 tours with the National Security Agency as a member of the Army Security Agency. Upon his retirement in January 1980, he moved to Myrtle Beach, SC. He received a BA Degree from Champlain College University of NY in 1951. George studied and could read and write 5

languages, Japanese, German, French, Polish, and Spanish. He was an ardent Golfer, he joined the Retired Military Golf Association (RMGA) at Whispering Pines in 1980, was President of the RMGA in 1982. He managed the Intercoastal Seniors Golf Assn. in 1982, the Bucks & Does from Deertrack Plantation from 1982 until 1990 and The Retired Military Gold Assn. from 1992 until 2006.

He was survived by his wife, Celia Hoyt (Buckley) Garrant who he married on March 10, 1999. He was also survived by two children by his late wife Sylvia Harriett Garrant, (who passed away in 1994.) Georgiana Lee (Sandy) Lehman and her husband Bob of Linthicum, MD; Robert M. Garrant and his wife Christine of Severna Park, MD; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; plus a brother, Roy A. Garrant and his wife Carol of Plattsburgh, NY.

Funeral services with full military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ my favorite memory of George is when he made a sharp right turn with a golf cart after coming downhill from a par three tee in which I had hit to about three feet from the pin, throwing me into a sand trap and said " I hope you make your birdie "

Bob Lehman, husband of George's daughter - May 28, 2011 at 11:32 AM

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“ George kept me laughing with his e-mails, helped me set up a computer, allowed me to play with the retired vets and chatted with me whenever he was in his yard and I was at the 14th tee at Indian Wells. He never had a bad word for anyone and I will miss him very much. God Bless you George and one day hope to see you again.
Walt Bohm

Walter Bohm - May 27, 2011 at 02:17 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to the family. It was a joy to visit with George and Celia and is in our special prayers. Chaplain Don Turner.

Donald E. Turner - May 27, 2011 at 01:32 PM

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“ When I was the Head Golf Professional at Wild Wing, we hosted George's group many times. He was always so organized and pleasant ---- I really enjoyed him. He was very fair and was a gentleman at all times. I know where he's going... and it is a short trip for George Garrant. God Bless him and his family.

Tim Tilma - May 27, 2011 at 12:09 PM

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“ *Bob E. Lehman lit a candle in memory of
George Garrant* ”



Bob E. Lehman - May 27, 2011 at 07:49 AM