



Harold Dean Frear

May 1, 1930 - May 20, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel Harold Dean Frear, US Army retired, age 86, passed away, Friday, May 20, 2016 at Conway Medical Center.

He was born in Beaver City, Nebraska, son of the late Donald H. Frear and Helen Esther Barngrover Frear. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Donald L. Frear; and his sister, Barbara Copeland.

Harold graduated from Pocatello HS in Idaho, enlisted in the US Air Force, and after 2 years attended the US Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1955, where he met his future wife, Betty R. Petch. They were married at Ft. Knox, KY prior to his assignment in Regensburg, Germany. He was later assigned to Ft Bragg, NC; Ft. Sill, OK; Ft. Bliss, TX; Redstone Arsenal, AL; and Monterey, CA. After serving in Vietnam as a sub-sector advisor in 1966 he returned to Redstone Arsenal until 1970, then attended General Staff School in Ft. Leavenworth, KS. His last assignment until his military retirement in 1973 was with the Concepts Analysis Agency in Bethesda, MD and continued as a civilian at CAA until retiring in 1988. He enjoyed retirement in Rockville, MD followed by the last 12 years in Conway, SC playing golf and enjoying neighborhood card and game nights.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Betty R. Frear; his two children,

Kimberly A. Ellmore and her husband, Warren, of Oakton, VA; Daniel S. Frear and his wife, Patricia, of Round Rock, TX; his four grandchildren, Lindsay Ellmore, Justin Frear, Nicole Frear, and Travis Frear.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at 3:00 PM Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Dr. J. Kirk Lawton, Jr. officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

An inurnment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Faith Wesleyan Methodist Church Building Fund, 10615 Hwy 90, Little River, SC 29556.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com <<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>>

Tribute Wall

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“ Hal was my brother in law but also my game night buddy! We loved playing Sequence, Dominos and cards. Game night was a must for 8 of us. My sister Betty, Ron and Cecelia and hubby Joe. We would laugh, challenge each other and laugh the night away. Hal was generous, kind hearted but had his opinions! My sister and Hal had almost 60 years together. He is missed by many!

marilyn Cangialosi - June 06, 2016 at 04:11 PM

BC

“ Rest in Peace Colonel!!

Bobby Cordray - May 26, 2016 at 08:19 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about Hal he was a great guy! Our prayers to you Betty and family! Jim and Theresa Cross

Jim Cross - May 25, 2016 at 12:36 PM

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“ RIP Soldier and fellow Vietnam Vet !!!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - May 25, 2016 at 08:04 AM

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“ Aunt Betty, Dan, Kim and family, Lifting each of you up in prayer and wishing you strength and comfort in the day ahead. Love Sherry

Sherry Vining - May 24, 2016 at 12:53 PM