



James Vaught

November 3, 1926 - September 20, 2013

Myrtle Beach...Lt. General James B. Vaught, US Army Retired, age 86 of Myrtle Beach, died Friday, September 20, 2013.

Even though his many military assignments and subsequent civilian travels took him all over the world, Lt. General Vaught remained a loyal, lifelong citizen of Horry County, becoming prominently involved in many civic organizations and affairs. His leisure activities included gardening, fishing and boating. The Horry County Museum, the Army, the Wounded Warrior Project and victims of PTSD were always close to his heart.

He was born in Conway, the fourth son of John M. Vaught, Sr., and Ruth Thompson Vaught. Upon graduating from Conway High School in 1943, Lt. General Vaught attended The Citadel in Charleston, SC between 1943 - 44. After being drafted in 1945, he was selected for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1946. He was part of the occupying forces in Germany, and served in the Korean Conflict as well as two combat tours in Vietnam. He was a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the US Armed Forces War College. He also received a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University and a Masters in Business Administration from George Washington University. Lt. General Vaught was the recipient of numerous military awards to include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze and Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, the Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, and three other brothers Thomas B. Vaught, Sr., Harry R. Vaught, Sr. and Paul M. Vaught, and two sisters, Jean V. Powell and Carol V. Lewis and one step grandson Ian Walsh.

Surviving him are his wife Florence Robinson Glasgow Vaught of Myrtle Beach,

daughter Cathryn A. Vaught, of Fayetteville, GA., and sons, James B. (Julia)Vaught, Jr. of Chesapeake, VA and Stephen P. Vaught of Columbia, SC from his first marriage, stepdaughters, Marian Davis of Mt. Pleasant, SC and Lee Glasgow Watson of Fort Mill, SC., four grandchildren, three step grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a brother, John M. (Elsie) Vaught, Jr. of Conway and Vina V. Floyd, of Surfside Beach, SC.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28 at Tilly Swamp Baptist Church, Hwy 90 in Conway, SC with Rev. Scott Altman and a US Army Chaplain officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall between 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. Saturday before the service.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Box 752, Conway, SC 29578-0752, The Horry County Museum, 428 Main St., Conway, SC 29526, or Mercy Care, 8216 Devon Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tilly Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery

4619 Hwy 90
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Tilly Swamp Baptist Church
4770 Hwy. 90
Conway, SC 29526

Service

SEP **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ My condolences to the Vaught family. I serviced with the general with the 24th Infantry when he was commanding general. I have never serviced under a finer man nor leader than the general. He will be truly missed. - Curtis Dunson

Curtis Dunson - October 01, 2013 at 08:59 AM

PT

“ Florence; Our hearts are very heavy at this time! But speaking for myself , I am truly grateful that I found the 5/7 Cav association. It opened my eyes to a completely different side of my colonel (Told the General that in my mind he would always be a Colonel----as that's what he was in Hue, Khe sahn and of course the A- Shau just before he broke his back) Anyhow I'm sure I'm Speaking for the entire bunch of guys that followed the General (Colonel) back then. We would have followed him to HELL and back--- Maybe somewhere in my (warped) mind I would like to think that we DID?!? I told him after receiving that silver star in Cincinnati Just how I used to hate it whenever he brought the battalion together as a whole--it seemed by the end of the day Delta company was always into what i felt was DEEP S___T (to this I received that special grin the man had!)Any how in closing wish I could offer you up a hug at this time; won't B able to attend the funeral as I just got home from V.A. (check-up) and will have a yard full of children on Sunday(Every year Pattie and I raise Pumpkins for the neighborhood as well as the little children in our church) and this was planned over a week ago! But dear Florence --You are in our prayers and shall continue to "B"-- Henry Thomas; Delta company 5/7 cav May '67 to '68

Pat Thomas - September 26, 2013 at 07:24 PM

IJ

“ *our prayers are the vaught family..
vinton and mattie jordan*



inell jordan - September 26, 2013 at 10:58 AM

JB

“ *Jim, "the General," and Florence have become an important part of our growing Blackburn family, and we will all miss The General so much. It is certainly our honor to have known him and shared laughs and good times. Our prayers are with Florence and the entire Vaught family.
Judy and Bill Blackburn*

Judy Blackburn - September 26, 2013 at 08:01 AM

LT

“ *As a young company commander just returning from Viet Nam I would find, then COL Vaught at my bulletin board checking rosters and announcements. He would always ask, "How are you doing?" and after discussing how I was doing he would remind me to turn the thermostat down at says end and start it up again in the morning. A great soldier, and, "A soldiers - soldier!" My condolences to his family.
COL Lee Thompson, USA (Ret)*

Lee Thompson - September 25, 2013 at 06:19 PM

IA

“ Dear Alumnus Brother;

*You were a Warrior and a Scholar
All my Alumni Brothers from the George Washington University join
me in sending you a Heavenly Farewell. May you rest in Peace*

*Ibrahim A. Ashie; GWU School of Engineering and Applied Science,
Class of 70, & 73*

Ibrahim A. Ashie - September 25, 2013 at 12:35 PM

CN

“ Words are not enough to express how sorry we are for the sudden loss of your husband. Lt. General James B. Vaught truly missed by the Family of Vietnamese Red Berets and ourselves. May God provide you the strength you need to cope with this at the soonest time. We extend our love & sympathy to all Vaught family. May he rest in peace.
Col (R) Tuong (Peter) & Tuyet



Col (R) Peter Nguyen - September 24, 2013 at 06:21 PM

JE

“ My good friend will be greatly missed. To all the Vaught family I extend my sincere love to you and yours. I will miss seeing him at the Museum events. I will cherish the book he signed for me and keep it near to my heart.
He was one tough cookie. I mean that lovingly. He did have some great stories. I hope he has them written or recorded. God bless you all who mourn his loss. I know you will miss him very much. Jeanne C. Edwards/ Friend of the Musuem

Jeanne C. Edwards - September 24, 2013 at 01:09 PM

RS

“ To Mrs F Vaught and family, that i am very sorry for your loss nd i know he will be sorely missed.

*Mr & Mrs Richard Secrist
M B Automotive*

Richard Secrist - September 24, 2013 at 08:31 AM

CJ

“ My most sincere condolences to Florence and the Vaught family. Tiger was a life' long friend and fellow soldier. We were classmates in High School in Conway and our paths crossed many times during our Military Careers. I always admired his abilities as an athlete and further, his exploits as a soldier. He will be sorely missed.

Col, Ret.Purdy B McLeod, Jr. - September 23, 2013 at 09:08 AM

MR

*I am so sad to learn of LTG Vaught's passing. I served under him in Turkey and Korea. We learned scuba as buddies and then completed some 100 dives as partners. LTG Vaught inspired and encouraged me. I owe my military success to him. He truly was one of America's finest. He will be missed by so many.
Mo Ralston Colonel, USA, Ret*

Mo Ralston - September 25, 2013 at 08:02 PM