William Woodward

November 20, 1924 - April 25, 2014

Conway... Lt. Col William B. "Woody" Woodward Age 89, died at his residence Friday April 25, 2014.

"Woody" was born November 20, 1924 the son of the late Jesse Edward and Frances Moore Woodward. He was a member of Kingston Presbyterian church, and a member of American Legion Horry Post 111. He was a former member and past President of the Conway Kiwanis Club. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, gardening, and woodworking.

Woodward volunteered for training with the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. He became a fighter pilot in the P-47 Thunderbolt and flew 30 missions before the war in Europe ended. He volunteered for duty in the Pacific but the war ended before his transfer. After WWII he spent time as an instructor pilot in the early jets and then was sent to Korea flying the F-86 fighter.

After the Korean War, Woodward transferred to the Strategic Air Command and flew B-47 and B-52 bombers. Some of the patrol missions in the B-52 would last about 24 hours non-stop as the crew flew fully loaded with nuclear bombs from Glasgow, Montana to Newfoundland, across the Arctic Circle to Oregon and then back to Glasgow. Next came a period of flying the C-124 cargo plane to bases all over the world. Woodward???s last assignment with the US Air Force was in the Vietnam War as a Forward Air Controller flying the OV-10, a small, armed reconnaissance plane. His job was to spot the enemy, keep them busy, and direct the fire of the bigger jets when they arrived.Over his entire career, Woodward accumulated over 8,000 hours of

flight time and was checked out in 18 different aircraft. He received many decorations including several Air Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired from the Air Force in 1970. After the Air Force Woodward began a second career as a real estate agent with the Bob Burroughs Real Estate Company in Conway, SC. He retired permanently after about 8 years.

He was pre-deceased by a brother, Jesse E. Woodward Jr.; a sister, Millie Lou des Plantes.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Vivian W. "Woodie" Woodward; a son William B. "Bill" Woodward (Marie) of North Myrtle Beach; a daughter Barbara Jeanne Fisher (Larry) of Conway; two grandchildren, Dr. Kristy Rollins of Columbia, SC, and Laurie Rollins of Conway; a great granddaughter, Olivia Fowler and a number of nieces and nephews

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday April, 29 at Kingston Presbyterian Church, inurnment and full military honors will follow at Lakeside Cemetery. The family will receive friends immediately following the services at the graveside.

Memorials may be sent to Kingston Presbyterian Church, 800 3rd Avenue, Conway, SC 29526: and American Legion Post 111 baseball team, PO box 1815 Conway SC 29528.

Goldfinch Funeral Home Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Service

APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kingston Presbyterian Church
800 Third Avenue
Conway, SC 29526-5141

Tribute Wall

AB

I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away

A. Bell - May 07, 2014 at 11:49 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Woodward.

April 28, 2014 at 10:03 AM

CL

This father reared two fine children. I knew both Bill and Jeanne at Conway High School. He leaves a strong legacy to his family and friends. I know he will be missed. I thank him for his service to our country in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

Carol Boggs Lane - April 27, 2014 at 09:54 PM

BW

5 files added to the album New Album Name

Bill Woodward - April 27, 2014 at 09:41 PM

WU

RIP Airman !!!

Wayne Williams - USMC - April 26, 2014 at 08:52 PM