



Commander Mahlon S. Huff

January 23, 2013

Huff, Commander Mahlon S. 85, passed away Wednesday January 23, 2013 at the Emeritus at Stonecreek Lodge. Native of Midland, Michigan, Mahlon was the son of Ferne S. Huff (school teacher) and Edwin G. Huff (school principal). He committed to be an Air Force pilot straight out of high school, but was released from that commitment when WW II ended and there was no longer a need for pilots. He later enlisted in the Army, but was released early from boot camp when he was accepted to the US Naval Academy, graduating in 1950. He was a Navy Pilot, veteran of the Korean War, and served on the USS Midway. Mahlon's postgraduate work earned him 2 more baccalaureate degrees, the last from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. After retiring from the Navy, Mahlon taught JROTC at Valley High School for approximately 15 years followed by teaching for USC at military bases in NC, NY, Korea, and Japan. Survivors include his wife of 60 years. C. June (Spoolstra) Huff; three children, Craig Shepard Huff (Pamela), Kimberly Blackwell (Brad) and Marta Renn (Donald); seven grandchildren, Veronica, Robbie, Matthew, Andrew, Elizabeth, Tristan and Jered; a great granddaughter, Adelaide. Memorial services will be held 3:00 pm Sunday at the Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy. Memorial visitation will be 1:00 – 3:00 pm Sunday. Memorial gifts may be made to Alzheimers Association or Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Much of my success in life is attributable to Cdr Huff. He took interest in me, motivated me and helped me obtain a scholarship at Western Kentucky University in 1974. I graduated from Western in 1978 and was commissioned in the US Army as a 2LT and 27 years later retired as a Colonel. I spoke to him just before his passing in an effort to personally meet and thank him. That was not to be however I want to thank you Cdr Huff for supporting me, for being a caring professional and someone who always wanted to give back by serving others. Until we meet again. I salute you Sir.*

Joseph J. Phillips - June 28, 2018 at 04:14 PM

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“ *I am truly heart broken to hear this. I was one of Commander Huffs cadets at Valley High School from 77-81, and have tried to find him through the years. My Love & Prayers go out to his family for your loss.*
So many wonderful memories of my time with him in NJROTC. He could scare you straight then have you laughing later. I learned so much from this man that I still use in my life today. I'm just sorry that I can not be there today to honor him.
Heaven has received a Great man, thank you for sharing him.

Rhonda (Peak)Tobias - June 28, 2018 at 04:14 PM

CB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love to all, Pat & Carol Burdell*

Carol Burdell - June 28, 2018 at 04:14 PM

KC

“ We only knew Mahlon as a fellow camper, but have many good memories of those times with the Sunny Memories Club. June, you and your children have our sympathy. He was a special man.

Keith & Becky Colbert - June 28, 2018 at 04:14 PM

TA

“ Condolences to the family. I was fortunate to have been one of his many cadets at Valley High School. Commander Huff was a fine man, and will be held in fond memories of many. One of my favorite memories was canoe trips to the Blue river in Indiana. My friend and I always got ahead of Chief Jack Hovious, and Commander Huff. Just to hide around a bend then sneak out into the river to capsize their canoes.. What fun we all had just enjoying quietly paddling down the river

Terry Allen - June 28, 2018 at 04:14 PM

JB

“ June, Sorry to hear of Mahlon's passing. We had some good times together in the camping club. He always made me laugh with his dry humor. Jean and Gene Brooks

Jean Brooks - June 28, 2018 at 04:14 PM