



Mr. William Paul Christian

October 28, 2014

CHRISTIAN, William Paul, 68, born in Syracuse, New York in 1946, passed away on October 28, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 45 years Barbara J. Christian; children Casey W. Christian and wife Tonya, Ryan P. Christian and wife Donna, Jamie E. Gevedon, and Maxwell J. Christian; grandchildren Courtney, Bryar, Jacob, Trey, and Sam; and brother Steven Christian and his wife Valerie of Syracuse, New York. He enlisted in the Army in 1965 and served in various assignments including the Federal Republic of Germany until 1968. Following his discharge he attended the University of Southern Colorado graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor Degree in Geography and received a commission in the Adjutant General Corps through Reserve Officer Training Corps. After his graduation from the Adjutant General Officers Basic Course he reported to Letterkenny Army Depot in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania where he served as Detachment Commander and Adjutant. In 1977 he was assigned as the Assistant Installation Coordinator in Teheran, Iran for 14 months. The next assignment was in his home town as Special Assistant to the Commander at the Armed Forces Station from there he attended the Adjutant General Advanced Course and then went to Fort Hood, Texas assigned to the First Cavalry Division. Following Fort Hood he received his Master of Arts Degree in Middle Eastern Area Studies at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. In August of 1985 he was assigned to Amman, Jordan where he underwent in-country training in the Foreign Area Officer Program. From July 1986 to July 1987 he served as an

Observer and Assistant Operations Officer for the United States Military Observer Group, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Jerusalem. As a foreign affairs officer to the Middle East he was stationed with The United States Central Command where he was assigned to the Politico-Military Division, Plans and Policy Directorate and held the position of Civil Affairs Officer and Politico-Military Affairs Officer in the Middle East Branch. He served in both Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During his service he was awarded many metals but most notably the Bronze star for meritorious achievement in a designated combat theater and the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding achievement and valor to the United States. He also received the Joint Service Commendation Medal and The Army Commendation Medal. He was nominated for Florida citizen of the year in-1990 due to his outstanding achievements as an Officer in the Army and service to the youth softball association. After retirement from the military in 1991 as Lieutenant Colonel he taught at Hardee Junior High school for 4 years then transferred to Turkey Creek middle school where he taught for 12 years. He also coached girls' softball for Pinecrest little league and travel teams for many years. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, October 31 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment with military honors will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, www.cancer.org. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

Bushnell, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Paul Christian



Hopewell Funeral Home - October 31, 2014 at 08:12 AM

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Paul dedicated his life to one of service to his country, family and his community. He will be missed by many.

Nancy Alvord - November 08, 2014 at 12:54 PM

PH

“ Very few people in life get to touch people lives in different ways, but Coach Paul did. He was a friend, a teacher and a Coach to many of us. There are no words that will make the pain of losing someone you love any better but I hope that the memories you made together will last a lifetime. Coach Paul will be missed!

With our Love and deepest sympathies, Kevin, Pam, Danielle and "in loving memory of Heather" Hinson

Pamela Hinson - October 31, 2014 at 12:08 PM

PS

“ Paul and Wendy Schwarting purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. William Paul Christian.



Paul and Wendy Schwarting - October 31, 2014 at 08:13 AM

PS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Max. Know that we love you.
The Sainz-Murphy Family
Dolores, CO

Patricia Sainz - October 30, 2014 at 07:56 PM

CR

“ My deepest sympathy to you Barb and your family as well as to Paul's family. You are in my prayers.
Cathy Regalla

Cathy Regalla - October 30, 2014 at 02:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William Paul Christian.



October 30, 2014 at 01:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Paul Christian.



October 30, 2014 at 07:18 AM



“ Barbara Christian lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Paul Christian



Barbara Christian - October 30, 2014 at 12:07 AM



“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Steve Christian - October 29, 2014 at 09:29 AM



“ Barbara and family,
Our most heartfelt sympathy on your loss. Paul was a truly gifted and loving man. I have many fond memories of our time together at NPS--Professor Teti, Super Suf, build a breakfast mornings and endless discussions on the Middle East and its seemingly insolvable problems. All of our thoughts and prayers are with you during this period of morning. Roger and Candy Bass

Roger Bass - October 29, 2014 at 05:21 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Hope you will find comfort in God's blessings.*



Nancy Alvord - October 29, 2014 at 02:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Mr. William Paul Christian.*



October 28, 2014 at 06:35 PM

BC

“ *There are just too many good times to list. Many of our treasured
memories are with the Christians at Letterkenny, and a few side
trips here and there. We love you all.*

Bill and Chris - October 28, 2014 at 05:30 PM