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HARLAN J. DREWRY completed this life's journey on December 6, 2010. He was born on February 20, 1942 in Christmasville, TN to Joe C. Drewry and Stella Mann Drewry. He graduated from Messick High School and Memphis State University. He enlisted in the USN Reserve in 1959 and was transferred to the USAF Reserve in 1962. While on active duty with the USAF, he completed pilot training and went on to fly the B52, RF4C and C124 aircraft. Flying 155 combat missions in the RF4C during the Vietnam War, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 8 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart. He ended his military service with the TN ANG in 1975. After returning from SE Asia, he began a career as an Air Traffic Controller with the Federal Aviation Administration, retiring in 2003 as an Operations Manager at the Memphis ARTCC. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sandra Lee Drewry; a son, Brian Drewry; and a daughter, Robin Drewry Wassenberg, and his beloved grandchildren, Caroline, William, and Hollie. He is also survived by his two brothers, Ron Drewry and Jeff Drewry; and one sister, Carol Drewry Turner. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, December 9 at Memorial Park Funeral Home. There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m., Friday, December 10 in Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.



Tribute Wall

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RD

Ross Dewitt posted:

I know it's been years now, but...I knew Harlan for just a short time when we were young. And I've remembered him all my life.

February 5 at 6:28 PM

BA

Beverly And Pat posted:

As we left you all this afternoon I had so many mixed emotions—I really cannot put them down but I know Harlan was so very proud of you all. Robin said such wonderful and true words about her dad. You are so very right he was a simple person—as the sa

December 11 at 9:41 AM

GS

Gail Starnes posted:

Sandy, I am so sorry about the loss of your husband. I will be praying for you as you walk through this valley of the shadow of death, and I know God will be your strength and comfort.

December 8 at 1:33 PM

WC

Wanda Brown Calvert posted:

Sandy and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the God of all comfort be with you and give you His perfect peace and strength for the days ahead. Love, Mike & Wanda(Brown)Calvert

December 8 at 12:45 PM

BD

Bob Drewry posted:

My family sends condolences to Sandy, Brian, Robin, Caroline, William and Hollie. Also remembering Ron, Carol and Jeff. Harlan you will be missed. May God comfort all of you as you enjoy your memories of Harlan as Dad, Grandad, Husband, brother and fr

December 8 at 12:09 PM



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Letha And Eddie Basford posted:

The family has lost our patriarch. Harlan was that to all of us "Lewis and Lena Mann Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and now Great Great Grandchildren".As for me, Harlan was that golden child that mother thought could do no wrong...the one that

December 8 at 11:28 AM



Frank Grisamore posted:

My condolences to the Drewry family. Harlan was a special man and will be missed by me and many others.

December 7 at 6:58 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Harlan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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