



George Arthur Carlton

September 23, 1928 - January 12, 2017

George Arthur Carlton (USN Captain, retired), 88, Sun City Center, FL, passed away on 12 January 2017. He was born in Queens, NY, on 23 September 1928.

George and his beloved wife of over 66 years, Joan Tuffley Carlton became inaugural residents of Wedgewood I 28 years ago. Among many contributions and civic duties, George served as neighborhood association President for two years, organizer of a vigorous golf league and (with Joan) was an early proponent and participant for five years of the Sun City Center emergency squad.

George is survived by Joan, his sons (Steve, Doug and Paul) and their families, and 7 of 9 siblings.

George served 34 years in the US Navy, beginning as a Flying Midshipman and retiring as a Captain in 1980. He flew over 3,000 thousand hours in A1 Sky Raiders (primarily) from the decks of 14 different aircraft carriers.

George received many commendations during his service to our country, including the Distinguished Flying Cross while an A1 squadron commander (VA-215) in Vietnam. He also served as Professor of Naval Science at the University of Colorado from 1975 to 1977.

He capitalized on education opportunities provided by the Navy beginning at Syracuse University in 1946, completing a BS degree at Columbia University (1957)

and culminating with an MA degree following study at the Navy Postgraduate School, Navy War College and George Washington University (1968).

After a life grounded among a family of twelve during the Great Depression and WWII in Tully NY and fulfilled by exemplary military service, footprints on all seven continents and his beloved wife and family, Captain (USN) George Carlton has "flown west".

Tribute Wall

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“ We just learned of George’s passing. George and I served together at the University of Colorado. We and our families became good friends and remained so for many following years. He was one of the best persons that I had ever known. Everyone who ever knew him will miss him. We would like to belatedly offer our sincerest sympathy to Joan, Paul and all of the other members of his family.

The Ainsworth Family

Gerald Ainswort - March 26, 2020 at 07:30 PM

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“ My name is Dave Randall I was a plane captain in attack squadron 215. I remember captain Carlton. I have good memories serving under him on the Hancock.

Dave Randall - July 28, 2019 at 04:22 PM