

## **George Herr Rudy**

George Herr Rudy, III, 72, of Mocksville, passed away October 28, 2009 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in Winston-Salem following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Born in Owensboro, KY, to Beverly Hatfield Rudy and George Herr Rudy, II, Mr. Rudy graduated from Owensboro Catholic High School in 1955. He went on to graduate from the United States Naval Academy in 1960, and received his Master's degree in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York in 1966.

Mr. Rudy served as a Navy pilot for 9 years, stationed in Florida, Bermuda, Maryland, and California. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

In 1969, Mr. Rudy left the Navy and relocated his family to North Carolina where he worked in management for Fieldcrest Mills for 12 years. He found his true calling when he left the textile industry to serve in appointed positions with the Department of Health and Human Services in Atlanta and Washington, DC during the Reagan administration.

In 1989, he returned to North Carolina to work for Governor James Martin as a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources. As a staunch conservative and Republican, Mr. Rudy felt that these positions were a continuation of his service in to his country. He retired from federal and state service in 1993 and moved to Franklin, NC to live in the mountains.

In 2002, Mr. Rudy and his wife, Nancy, relocated to Mocksville to be closer to family. Throughout his life, Mr. Rudy was active in the Republican Party and in church activities. He especially loved singing in the choir and teaching Sunday school. At home, he enjoyed vegetable gardening, being a "handyman" and visits from his children and grandsons.

Mr. Rudy is survived by his wife of 47 years, Nancy; his son and daughter-in-law, Geoff and Beth Rudy and grandsons, Clarke and Benjamin, of Clemmons; his daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Greg Rieves, of Kernersville; sister, Judy Moore of Mt. Vernon, IN and her family; sister, Charlotte O'Brien of Sunrise Beach, MO and her family; and brother, David Rudy of Owensboro, KY and his family.

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