



Donald W. Foose

November 13, 1932 - May 5, 2017

Donald W. Foose passed away peacefully on May 7, 2017 at Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House in Tallahassee, FL. Don was born November 13, 1932 in Wheeling, WV to Bill and Ivy Foose. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Benner Foose, after 53 years of marriage. He is survived by his daughter, Abby Dupree, son-in-law Stam Stathis and grandson, Matthew Dupree – all from Tallahassee.

Don was an only child and graduated in 1950 from Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, WV. In 1953, he joined the US Army and served over 2 years in Germany. Prior to enlisting in the Army he met Nancy. During his time overseas he and Nancy corresponded extensively. In 1956, six months after his return they were married. After their wedding they moved to Florida. With aid from the GI Bill, Don enrolled and graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in English Literature. After graduation, they moved to New Orleans where he worked for Boeing and the Social Security Administration. He transferred back to Florida for work and moved to Tallahassee in 1972, where he went to work for US Geological Survey as a hydrological technician, drawing various maps related to water in the State of Florida. He also worked for the Dept. of Environmental Protection after retiring from USGS to assist them with various projects associated with his original work. He developed what was known as the Foose Polygons that deal with drawing the drainage basin maps for the State of Florida.

Upon retirement, Don spent time volunteering for LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts and Leon County Public Library. He loved to tinker and help fix things at LeMoyne.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, May 12, 2017 at the Tallahassee National Cemetery at 5015 Apalachee Parkway where both Don and Nancy will be interred. Friends and family are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts, 125 N Gadsden St, Tallahassee, FL 32301, Big Bend Hospice Foundation, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308, Alzheimer's Project, Inc., 301 E Tharpe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Leon County Humane Society, 413 Timberlane Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32312 or to the charity of choice.

The family wishes to thank Deb Simmons for all that she has done to help with Don's care since January 2015 as well as the staff at Tallahassee Memory Care and Big Bend Hospice House.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311