



Paul Clifton Burkhart, LCDR, USN (Ret.)

October 13, 1928 - April 22, 2012

P. Clifton "Cliff" Burkhart, LCDR, USN (Ret.), passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Westminster Oaks in Tallahassee. He was 83 years old.

A native of Lake City, Florida, Cliff graduated from Leon High School, and enlisted in the Navy in 1946. Two years later he received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, where he graduated with 3rd Company, Class of 1952. While at Annapolis, he was a member of the varsity boxing team. Upon graduation, he received his commission as an Ensign and reported to the aircraft carrier, USS Bataan, and saw action off the coast of Korea. After completing flight training at Pensacola, he was awarded his naval aviation wings in 1954. He served as an anti-submarine warfare instructor and pilot, an assistant flight officer in a patrol squadron, and as a plane commander with an early warning squadron in Newfoundland and Iceland. Following retirement from the Navy, Cliff became a licensed realtor and was also a member of the Quiet Birdmen. He was also a charter member of the Economics Club of Tallahassee, and with the help of his late wife, laid the groundwork for the outstanding club it remains today.

He was preceded in death in 2004 by his wife of 59 years and best friend, Mary Lee Brooks Burkhart; and his parents, Marie M. and Paul Burkhart, also of Tallahassee. Cliff is survived by his aunt, Ruby Anita Riddle of Hempstead, Maryland.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 PM, EDT, Wednesday, April 25th at the Ivey Porch at Westminster Oaks Health Care Center in Tallahassee. LCDR

Burkhart will be laid to rest, along with his wife Mary Lee in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Service

APR **25**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Ivey Porch at Westminster Oaks Health Care Center
Tallahassee, FL