



H.E. Easter

February 20, 2013

Commander H.E. (Hal) Easter died peacefully in his home on February 20, 2013. He was born on December 24, 1934, in Mt Airy, North Carolina. Commander Easter was an officer in the United States Naval Reserve for 22 years and a veteran of the Vietnam War. A naval aviator, he flew the Navy's first mission to Antarctica and travelled around the world before retiring from active duty in 1978 and moving his family to Hot Springs. For the next 20 years he proudly led the NJROTC program at Hot Springs High School and served as a blue and gold officer for the United States Naval Academy. Hal was an active member of the Elks Lodge. As proud as he was of his military service Hal had no greater joy in his life than the love of his life, his wife, Ann. They were married on August 31, 1957, and raised five daughters Robyn, Sheri, Terri, Kelly and Deana. After almost 56 years of marriage he remained devoted to making his Annie happy. He was a terrific father to his girls, loving and supportive in good times and bad. He found great joy in his role as a grandfather to his grandchildren Chris, Jessica, Ellen, Greyson and Sommer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nina and Rufus Easter, his brother, Fred Easter, his daughter Sheri Easter and his grandson Sean O'Neal. He is survived by his wife Ann, his daughter and son in law Robyn & Pat O'Neal and granddaughter Ellen of Yorktown, VA, his grandson Chris O'Neal and his wife Jessica of Orlando, FL, his daughter Terri Easter and grandson Greyson Teague of Hot Springs, daughter and son in law Kelly & Steve Barnes of Dallas, TX and daughter and son in law Deana and Pat Hicks and

granddaughter Sommer of McKinney, TX. There will be a viewing on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Hot Springs Funeral Home from 5-7 pm. A Memorial Service will be held at Hot Springs Funeral Home on Sunday, February 24, 2013, at 2:30 pm. Graveside services with full military honors to follow at Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Humane Society of Garland County. 'The moment that you died our hearts split in two. One side filled with memories the other died with you. When the world is fast asleep we take a walk down memory lane. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day, but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. We hold you tightly in our hearts and there you will remain. Life has gone on without you - but it will never be the same.'

Tribute Wall

CH

“ CDR Easter helped to really guide me into a responsible person. Between him and Master Chief Bush, they are the two who really molded me. I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. He made such an impact on me...he even gave a very good recommendation for me in the job I've currently got and support my family with. I'm sorry this is extremely late, but I live out of state and just found out. He was on my mind tonight. Please except my condolences and know that he made a huge impact on those of us with the opportunity to learn from him.

Chris Hislip - June 29, 2013 at 08:52 PM

TW

“ I am sorry for the lost for all of you. I really admired commander while i was hot springs(ROTC). If the is any thing that you need please let me know.

teresa westmoreland - March 04, 2013 at 07:20 PM

LJ

“ My sincere condolences. He was one of the few men who allowed me to see where I wanted and needed to be in life. Thank you for the years of discipline and patience.

Lamont Jones - March 02, 2013 at 09:12 AM

KL

“ Mrs. Easter & Family, The news of your loss was very saddening to me. My memories of high school have always been bright and Cdr. Easter made strong impressions on me. He instilled leadership and goal-setting skills that I have used in my career. He was a mentor and moral man that I hold respect for, we could use a few more like him. I always knew him as a family man and he was so proud of his daughters. I will shed a tear and keep you all in prayer. God Bless all of you. Karl Lowry

Karl Lowry - February 23, 2013 at 05:20 PM

GA

“ Mrs Easter, I am very sorry for the loss of your husband, as well for your daughters loss of their dad. He was a very good man, and it was a pleasure in knowing him, and being able to attend to his respiratory needs as I could. May God be with you and your family at this time of sorrow. Gary Storey

Gary - February 23, 2013 at 04:07 PM

KH

“ Ann, I was saddened to learn of Hal's passing. He was truly an American patriot! Our prayers and condolences are with you and your family.

Ken Hodges - February 23, 2013 at 09:35 AM