



Lt. Col. William C. Pfeifer

January 1, 1931 - December 30, 2012

Lt. Col. William C. Pfeifer (USAF Ret.), 81, Topeka, passed away Thurs., Dec. 27, 2012. William was born Jan. 26, 1931 in Callicoon NY, the son of Constant and Lillian Connors Pfeifer. He was a 1949 graduate of Delaware Valley Central High School and, since entering the US Air Force, earned his BGE degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and his MBA from George Washington University in Washington DC. On May 23, 1953, William and Kathleen Patricia Murray were united in marriage in Whitestone Long Island NY. Kathleen preceded William in death on Aug. 4, 2005. William retired from the Air Force after more than 20 years service. Prior to retirement, Lt. Col. Pfeifer was assigned at Forbes AFB, Topeka KS, where he was a C-130 Hercules cargo-troop carrier navigator with the 47th Tactical Airlift Squadron and executive officer for the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps summer encampment program. Commissioned through the aviation cadet program, he is aeronautically rated as a master navigator. In addition to assignments at various stateside bases, the lieutenant colonel has served at Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, on Guam, Okinawa and in Thailand. Lt. Col. Pfeifer holds among his awards and decorations, the Distinguished Flying Cross, 10 awards of the Air Medal, and the USAF Commendation Medal. Following retirement from the Air Force, William earned his law degree from Washburn University and worked for Shawnee County in the District Court Trustees office, from which he retired after 10 years service. William is a member of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Survivors include, his daughters, Belinda Clark, Gale Troth, Diana McDowell (Rick), Helen Eickholt (Larry), Barbara Coffee (Tom), and Donna Gutierrez (Richard); son, Bill Pfeifer (Linda); 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Henry Pfeifer. A parish rosary will be prayed at 3 p.m. Sun. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614, where family will greet friends until 5 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Mon. at Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Christ the King Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lt. Col. William C. Pfeifer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *to the family of bill pfeffer*

just read the sullivan county democrat and read of your dad's passing

my name is jimmy medlar, the year is september 1944 - i started 1st grade and attended the same school as bill -delaware valley central school, callicoon, new york - i have fond memories of this great person who waited every school day for me and walked with me to the bus

jim medlar

james medlar - January 04, 2013 at 01:45 PM



“ *Dear Diana and the entire Pfeifer family, please accept my condolences for your loss. Your father, grandfather, & great-grandfather was a wonderful family pillar. This is clear from the stories Diana has told of his personal strength, faith, perseverance, and certainly stubborn streak. His broader contributions to community and country are admirable and impressive. May you find comfort in remembering his faith-commitment and the countless wonderful memories, traits, and honors that are part of his legacy.*

Linda Strong - January 03, 2013 at 09:39 AM

EW

“ *Belinda, I just wanted to let you know my thoughts and my prayers are with you and your family through this heartbreaking time. Nothing I can say will ease your pain but just wanted you to know I am thinking of you.*

Erin Wen - December 31, 2012 at 07:29 PM

SL

“ *Belinda,
So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. The EBA at KDOR sends it condolences as well. A memorial gift will be sent Monday. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of grief and celebration of a life well lived. My God be with you. Sarah Long and KDOR IS staff.*

Sarah Long - December 30, 2012 at 06:32 PM

SE

“ *Grandpa you were a wonderful wonderful grandpa! I remember those days in ur basement teaching us ping pong and eating ur peanuts lol.. When we came to visit u were always the first one awake with coffee and waffles ready for our breakfast! I love you so much and sorry I couldn't be at ur funeral. You and grandma created wonderful kids which they made us ur grand kids!! Love you always!*

Sasha Eickholt - December 30, 2012 at 01:49 PM

JW

“ Dear Belinda and Marcia and your family,

Please know that Lt Col William Pfeifer, your dad, is in my prayers and you all are in my thoughts! He was such a hero and a kind soul to all who knew him. I know he is spending New Years with God in heaven! I will continue to pray for you during this very difficult time. Sven and I are only a phone call away. Bless you for being so caring & a great daughter and granddaughter to William!

Judy Mathewson & Sven Welin - December 30, 2012 at 12:19 AM

MM

“ Please accept my condolences. Life is so short, we want our loved ones to live forever, for God put this in us and he knows how we feel when death reach our family, so please go to him and taste and see that he is willing and able to help and comfort you and your family in your time of need (Psalms 46:1). May God be with you.

mary miller - December 29, 2012 at 11:22 PM