

Donald E. Marten

February 16, 2010

Donald E. Marten passed away February 16, 2010 at Mercy Memorial Hospital where he had been for the past two weeks. He had been in declining health for the past year and in serious condition for the past two weeks.

Donald was born in Monroe on March 28, 1932, the son of Everett and Stella (Perry) Marten. He married the former Elizabeth (Betty) Woodruff on November 18, 1958. He was a 1951 graduate of Monroe High School.



Donald served his country in the U.S. Navy from March 1951 until March 1955. From 1956 through 1986 he was a full-time employee of the Michigan Air National Guard. He retired in 1986 as a Chief Master Sergeant.

After retirement, Don and his wife Betty spent their winters in San Benito, Texas. He enjoyed golf and his computer.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Marten; his daughter Donna (Charlie) Becker of Marine City, Michigan; his sons Dale (Susan) of Bloomington, Illinois, and David (Lisa) of Macomb, Michigan. He is also survived by his sister Sally Reinhardt Metz of Monroe and his twin brother Ronald E. (Joan) Marten of Summerfield, Florida. He is also survived by granddaughters, Nichole Raymond and Jenifer Northcutt; grandsons, Miles Raymond, James Marten and Zachary Marten; and four great-grandchildren.

Donald is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Daniel Yettaw and Douglas Marten; and a granddaughter Brandy Yettaw.

Visitation for Donald will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday February 18, 2010 at Rupp Funeral Home, where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday. The Rev. Richard Luberti, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Maybee, will officiate. Military honors will be under the auspices of an Air Force Honor Guard. Private burial will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery Holly, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St Patrick Catholic Church in Carleton Michigan or St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Maybe Michigan; or a contribution to a charity of one's choice.

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