



Downie D. Deen, Jr.

Downie D. Deen, Jr., 72, died in Jacksonville, FL on Dec. 17, 2008 peacefully in his sleep after a long battle with leukemia at the Northeast Florida Community House, Dr. Gaston J. Acosta-Rua Center for the Caring.

Deen was born Aug. 5, 1936 in Baxley to the late Mr. and Mrs. Downie D. Deen, Sr. of Baxley. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1954 and attended the University of Florida and graduated from Jones College. Deen served in the Air Force for four years and worked at the Federal Aviation Agency in Hilliard, FL as an air traffic controller and data system specialist. He also worked for NYMA and Northrup Gruman and retired in 2001. Deen was active at Grace Episcopal Church since 1972.

His sisters, Merle Morehouse and Mildred Fowler and brothers, Clyde D. Deen, Herbert L. Deen, Sr., Louie Deen, Quinton Deen, and Grady Deen preceded him in death.

Deen is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Veda H. Deen; daughters, Robyn Deen Neely of Windermere, FL and her husband, Richard and Cheryl D. Edwards and her husband, Jon; four grandchildren, Connor and Sarah Neely and Katlyn and Kegan Edwards; sisters, Frankie Blanton and Dorothy Collins and one brother, James Deen also survives.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hardage Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 950 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL.