



Francis K. Williams

July 17, 2013

Francis K. "Smokey" Williams, age 90, of Lanier Village Estates, Gainesville, GA died in his Willow Brooke Court residence on July 17, 2013. Smokey was born in Lynchburg, VA on February 17, 1923. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He was a Jeffersonian. Smokey was a Navy pilot with the United States Naval Reserve for twenty years and was recalled to active duty three times, serving during World War II, the Korean War and the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was based out of Jacksonville and Miami, FL. He also served with the Federal Aviation Administration in Miami and Orlando, FL. for over 30 years. When he retired at 65 he was the Deputy Chief of the FAA Orlando Tower at the Orlando International Airport. He was always an active member in his local church. In Winter Park, FL, he was Council President of St. John's Lutheran Church. Retiring to Sky Valley, GA, he was Council Member and President for a number of years at Sky Valley Chapel. Smokey was happily married for fifty-nine years to Bette; together they raised three daughters; Cheryl Ann, Cynthia Lynn and Christine Marie. Smokey was grandfather of five; Don Saunders III, Caroline Saunders, Catherine Riley, Frances Chase and Paul Chase, Jr.

A Memorial Service for Smokey will be held at the Sky Valley Chapel on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Smokey Williams Memorial

Fund for the Sky Valley Chapel he was so much a part of for so many years.

Tribute Wall



“ *Francis K. Williams*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Bette,
You and your family are in our thought and prayers. May God give
you an abundance of his grace and mercy.*

Laine & Pam Rinker - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We had great times together. Yes we will miss Smokey, a great guy
with a wonderful sense of humor. We will never forget our times
together-visiting with Santa, your going away party and all the many
other parties at you beautiful house. We love you Betti and miss you
n Sky Valley-it's just not the same.*

ray & lynn becker - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*

Alice & Pat Riley

Alice Riley - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM