

DANA E. WINE



Dana E. Wine, 91, of Hilliard, passed away July 10, 2024. Mr. Wine was born July 28, 1932 in Orlando, West Virginia. He was one of 12 children born to Ernest and Frena Heath Wine. Mr. Wine was one of the kindest people to all and a true gentleman. He loved his country and showed it with his continued service throughout his lifetime. He left a mark on all those whose paths he crossed.



His generosity and care for others was unwavering.

Mr. Wine proudly served his country in the US Air Force, for four years, during the Korean conflict. It was during his time in the service, that he met his future wife Shirley, in Biloxi, Mississippi. The Wine family moved to Hilliard in 1965. Dana and Shirley made a great pair in serving for the VFW and AMVETS for many years. Mr. Jack Howarter and Mr. Wine, both were instrumental in the fundraising efforts on behalf of the Nassau County AMVETS (and the National AMVETS) to have the 40' Carillon Bell Tower placed and erected at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. The dedication of the tower was held in 2014.

Dana and Shirley also made time to travel, as both enjoyed it. They somehow managed to visit 47 of the 50 states. Quite an accomplishment! When Mrs. Shirley's health began to fail, Mr. Dana stood by her side and cared for her until her passing. The two had 64 wonderful years together, before her passing in 2017.

Mr. Wine was quite an overachiever at heart, but handled it all with humility. He was a member of the Slidell, LA, Volunteer Police Department; the Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department; worked as an EMT; a Lifetime member of the VFW and AMVETS; National Rifle Association and American Legion. He also served on the Nassau County Hospital Board. He is a retired Air Traffic Controller from the FAA in Hilliard. He had a pilot's license and loved to fly! Following retirement, he continued his education at Jones College to achieve his 4-year Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. From there he sold real estate for Dan Jones; and taught Adult Basic Education at FJC and Hilliard.

He somehow also had time for fun, that included cook-outs and Oyster roasts, which he loved to share with family and friends. He loved to deer hunt and fish when he got the chance. His 'therapy' was gardening, and of course, he was excellent at it! Mr. Wine was a wonderful person and his soft smile and sweet conversation will be missed by all who had the honor to know him. He is preceded in death by his wife Shirley; and his son Dana Wine, II.

He is survived by his children Sheila (Randy) McMillan of Jacksonville and Earnie (Beth) Wine of Hilliard; granddaughter Kelly (George) Antonio of Jacksonville; and great-grandson Callan.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, July 23 from 10-11 a.m. with a celebration of life service at 11 a.m. at Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery (Lane 2) with full Military Honors rendered.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, 904-879-1770.

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