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# Howard Ralph Guffey ‘48

December 3, 1930 – February 7, 2018

STAUNTON, Va. - Col. Howard Ralph Guffey, 87, husband of Jean (Darrah) Guffey of Staunton, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at Avante at Waynesboro. He was born Dec. 3, 1930, in Rockbridge County, a son of the late Fadeley and Ada (Sandridge) Guffey.

Col. Guffey graduated from Augusta Military Academy and Davidson College. He received his master's degree from Shippensburg University.

He was drafted into the Army, where he served and completed Officer's Candidate School and was a commissioned officer in field artillery. He also completed Jump School to become a paratrooper. Howard served in the 11th Airborne Division, 82nd Airborne Division, and 1st Calvary Division during a tour in Vietnam. He also served in the 18th Airborne Corps. He attended the U.S. Army War College and was commander of the 212 Artillery Group. His last post was serving in the Department of the Inspector General of the Army. He retired with 33 years of service.

He was a co-founder of Military Professional Resources Inc. When he fully retired he located back to Staunton, where he was a lifelong member of Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Distinguished Service Medal as well as other commendations.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, family members include a daughter and son-in-law, Lisabeth Darrah Abel-Polek and Frank Polek of La Mesa, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, Fadeley Michael and Judy Guffey of Staunton; eight grandchildren, Ryan Lisabeth Savino, Clayton Michael Abel, Ashley Darrah

Thompson, Drew Edward Abel, Kristin Michelle Trask, Sarah Marie Guffey, Clara Genevieve Remmes, and Molly Anne Jarrette Wincek; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ada Frances Quick, and brother, Albert Leslie Guffey.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, in Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Beth McCrary. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 until 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, in the Henry Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church Capital Improvement Fund, P.O. Box 118, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.

At AMA, Ralph was Private in “B” Company, Honor Roll, Baseball, Basketball.

“Ralph is one of the local boys as he hails from the vicinity of Mount Sidney. Academically he holds his own with all. A more conscientious student is not to be. A baseball fan without equal. Good luck, Ralph.” (1948 RECALL)

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