



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

PAPPAS, JOHN J. '47

John J. Pappas died in Hampton, Virginia, on 23 July 2007 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born 8 March 1928 in Winchester, VA, graduated from Augusta Military Academy and University of Miami and was a life-long fan of the Hurricanes.

He gave 20 years to the United States Air Force, serving his country in Korea, Greenland, Greece and several U.S. bases before retiring as Chief Forecaster at Langley AFB in 1971. After retiring he worked as General Manager for Southeast Weather Consultants in Atlanta, GA, and later as Manager of Flight planning; Meteorology for Western Airlines in Los Angeles, CA. After the merger of Western Airlines and Delta Airlines, John became manager of the Delta Weather Center in Atlanta until he retired in 1993.

John was an amateur jazz musician, playing both tenor and alto saxophones. He was a member of the International Association of Jazz Education and a frequent volunteer at their many international conferences. He was also a member of the Pioneer Operational USAF, Navy, Weather Bureau team on the TIROS project, the world's first orbiting weather satellite.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Tana. He is survived by his widow, Peggy;

his son, Jim Pappas of Torrance, California; daughters, Niki Cooper and husband, Curtis of Newport News, Virginia, Alicia Modarressi of Cincinnati, Ohio; his brother, Pete Pappas of Berryville, Virginia; sisters, Frances Packard and Mary Coffinberger of Winchester, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his sister, Billie Manion of Bethesda, Maryland. He has five grandchildren: Jason Wells of Newport News, Virginia, Jennifer Lingley of Phenix City, Alabama. Maryam Modarressi of Brooklyn, NY. Lauren Cooper of Newport News, Virginia and Aaron Modarressi of Cincinnati, Ohio. He also has three great-grandchildren: Jason Wells Jr., Allison Lingley and Austin Wells. Interment was in St. Augustine, Florida.

At Augusta three years: Tech Sergeant, Band, Leader of the AMA Orchestra.

(Reported by his brother, Pete.)

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