

Retired Capt. Donald E. Moore, 80, of Lakemont and Sanford, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007.

Born in Glenville to William and Sally Moore, he was a graduate of Glenville High School and Georgia Tech. He received a master's degree in industrial engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and Rotary International. He was active in the American Cancer Society, Christian Sharing Center and the Sanford Historical Society.

As a decorated naval aviator and record-setting test pilot, he retired from the U.S. Navy. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal for Valor and the National Defense Service Medal. He also served in leadership roles on numerous naval vessels. In his second career at Walt Disney World, he was involved with the development of Epcot Center and Euro Disney.

Moore was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Barbara Allen Moore.

Survivors include: two daughters, Leslie E. Moore of Sanford, Fla., and Donna L. Moore of Raleigh, N.C.; one son, William A. Moore of Orlando, Fla.; grandchildren, Anna M. Higgins of Santa Cruz, Calif., Julia L. Higgins of Winter Park, Fla., and William C. Higgins of Tallahassee, Fla.; and a brother-in-law, Alvin F. Baird of Charleston, S.C.

Services were held Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home's Oaklawn Chapel. Interment followed at Oaklawn Park Cemetery.

Baldwin-Fairchild was in charge of arrangements.

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