

William Frank Plyler

Lt.Col. William Frank Plyler (USAF retired), 85, of Asheville, passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

A native of Iredell County, he was the son of the late Charles and Naomi Trivette Plyler.

He was a graduate of Phieffer Junior College and Western Carolina Teacher's College. He was a student in the college of Mechanical Engineering in Honolulu and was serving in the 35th Medical Division at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked. He graduated from Officers Candidate School at Camp Barkley in 1943. After assignment to the Amphibian Engineers, he received amphibious training at Fort Ord, Calif., before sailing for the southwest pacific. He retired from the USAF Reserve in 1960 and retired from the United States Forestry Service in 1975. He was a private pilot and flight instructor and a member of Elkwood Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Alice Bennett Plyler, who died in 2003, and a son, Gary Michael Plyler.

He is survived by his sons, William Frank Plyler II and wife Kathy of Manteo and Robert Hansel Plyler and wife Anne of Asheville; a daughter-in-law, Anne Murphy Plyler of Georgetown, S.C.; a brother, Paul Ernest Plyler of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family received friends on Thursday, April 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 7, at 11 a.m., at the funeral home with the Rev. Tim McRee officiating.

Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m., at Iotla Methodist Church Cemetery in Franklin, with military rites provided by VFW Post 7339.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Memory Assessment Clinic, 2360 Sweeten Creek Rd., Asheville, NC 28803.

Morris Funeral Home in Asheville is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be made online by visiting www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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