



Frank J. Diersen

December 1, 2007

Retired U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Frank J. Diersen passed away Dec. 1, 2007, after a prolonged illness. The son of the late Frank M. and Gertrude D. Diersen, he was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1932 and enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1951. After serving as an electronics technician for three years, Frank received his commission as an ensign through Officer Candidate School in 1954. Frank was designated a naval aviator upon graduation from Navy flight training in 1955, and served as an aircraft commander in both fixed wing and helicopter aircraft at several Coast Guard air stations along the east coast and in Naples, Italy. He was recognized for his performance as aircraft commander in search and rescue flights and for conducting surveillance flights off the coast of Cuba during the Cuban missile crisis. Subsequent tours of duty included deployments to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and duty as commanding officer of the Coast Guard Marine Inspection Office in Philadelphia. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Frank and his wife Margaret retired to Chesapeake in 1981 after 30 years of dedicated Coast Guard service. In retirement, Frank formed many lifelong friendships at the Elizabeth Manor Golf Club where he served as an active supporter of the annual Eastern Amateur Tournaments and as the club's president in 1987.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 50 years, Margaret Heaphy Diersen of Chesapeake; son, James F. Diersen and his wife Tracey of Virginia Beach; daughter, Deborah Diersen Quigley and her husband U.S. Coast Guard Capt.

Kevin Quigley of Chesapeake; and grandchildren, Portia, James and Victoria Diersen and Danielle, Megan and Mark Quigley. Frank is also survived by sisters, Ann Rita Mullins of Cincinnati and Mary Jo Schneider of Vero Beach, Fla.; and brother, Martin Diersen of Cincinnati.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel, by Rev. Kevin Segerblom. The interment will be held immediately following in Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. The family will receive visitors in Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave., Portsmouth, between 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Frank Diersen. Condolences may be made at www.lovingfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear family of Frank J.Diersen!

*I send you my deepest sympathy to your painful loss.
Magda Meyer, Frank's cousin from Germany##imported-
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January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy during this time.##imported-begin##William
Droppelman##imported-end##

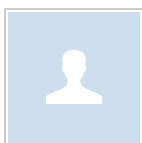
December 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Peggy, Jim and Debbie,
Our thoughts are with you during this time.

*Lisa, Mike and Sam Florian##imported-begin##Lisa
Florian##imported-end##*

December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry to loose our dear friend and longtime neighbor,
Frank. He and Peg have provided so many years of warm and
entertaining friendship and he will be missed more than words can
express. Our love and prayers are with Peg and Frank.##imported-
begin##Carolyn & Hunter Motley##imported-end##

December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Peggy, Jim, and Debbie,
Just to let you know I am praying for you.
Love,
Rita and Family##imported-begin##Rita Usher##imported-end##

December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My love and prayers are with Aunt Peggy, Jimmy and
Debbie.##imported-begin##Peggy Miller##imported-end##

December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Margret and Family
My sincere condolences to you and your family on your great loss.. I
always enjoyed playing golf with Frank. His strong support to me,
the Eastern Amateur, and Elizabeth Manor will be long
remembered.. Our prayers will be with you all doing these trying
days.
David & Betty##imported-begin##David Whitener##imported-end##

December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Raymond Schneider##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for your loss.

*With deepest sympathy,
Peter, Carol, Brian, and Kelly Wittel###imported-begin##Carol
Schneider Wittel###imported-end##*

December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We're so sorry to hear about Mr. Diersen's passing. He was always such a happy, pleasant person to be around. We will certainly miss him.

*Billy and Tricia Raiford###imported-begin##Bill & Tricia Raiford, and
family###imported-end##*

December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ With deepest sympathy, my thoughts and condolences are with you.###imported-begin##Brent Hayden###imported-end##

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