

## CHARLES BERNARD LADENDORF

LT. COLONEL CHARLES BERNARD LADENDORF LT. COLONEL CHARLES BERNARD LADENDORF, Jr. LAKELAND - Lt. Colonel Charles Bernard Ladendorf, Jr., was born to Charles and Blanche Ladendorf, Sr., on August 26, 1923, in Royal Oak, Michigan. Charles attended elementary and high schools in Royal Oak. Graduating from high school, he joined the Army Air Corps, serving two and a half years. He was discharged with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He then attended and graduated from Florida Southern College with a BS Degree in Business Administration in 1951. Charles also worked for the Chrysler Corporation while attending college. The next move was being recalled to active duty as a Bombardier for the Korean War. He later went to Advanced Navigation School, Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA. instructing Navigation Bombing and Reconnaissance. Continuing his education, he attended Michigan State University receiving an advanced degree as a comptroller. The next venture was to Evreux-Fauville Air Base, France where he served in the capacity as Chief Data Systems and Statistics. Charles was responsible for installing the first Air Force computer in the country of France. Four years later, Charles was nominated and selected to serve in the Pentagon, the National Military Command System and Support Center. While employed at the Pentagon, he served as Chief Special Projects Control Officer. His next assignment was Bangkok, Thailand, Don Muang Air Base, serving as Chief Data Systems and Statistic and Assistant Comptroller. Charles retired from the U.S. Air Force, June 30, 1970, at Lt. Colonel, having served 27 years. From 1971 to 1983, Charles worked for Polk County Commissioners, as Project Officer for Federal Public Service Employment Programs. He also worked for EEA and CETA programs including Hardy, Highland, De Soto, Okeechobee and Polk County. He was later Director of the Aging Services for Polk County. Preceding Charles in death was first wife, Jerry Conrad; second wife, Patricia Ladendorf and son, Eric Ladendorf. He is survived by his six children, Carolyn (Bill) Davis, Armstrong, Texas, Sharon (John) Lloyd, Kemah, Texas, Charles (Chip) III, Kemah, Texas, Judy Ladendorf, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Ronald (Linda) Domel, Texas City, Texas and Charles (Kathy) Domel, Bacliff, Texas. Also 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, sister, Blanche Howard of Royal Oak, Michigan and many relatives and friends. Special appreciation to Donna Novak. Charles enjoyed serving the Lord in various positions at the First Presbyterian Church, for 35 years. Services will be held there on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., burial will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the First Presbyterian Church or the Good Samaritan Fund, Carpenters Estates, Lakeland, Florida where Charles has been a resident for the past 19 years.

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