



David Lafayette Floyd

August 6, 1929 - October 10, 2023

Obituary for David Lafayette Floyd

David Lafayette Floyd, age 94 of Lilburn, GA, passed away on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. He was the only son of the late James Lafayette Floyd and Dorothy Louise Kendley Floyd. He is preceded in death by his son, James Robin Floyd, his wife of 47 years, Patricia Harbin Floyd and his cousin, Mary Ann Hightower. He is survived by his Daughter Patricia Jane Frank Floyd (Ricky) and Granddaughters Taylor Robin Floyd and Lily Frank, and numerous cousins.

Dave was born August 6th, 1929 in Atlanta, raised in Ormewood and East Atlanta. He attended John B. Gordon elementary school, J.C. Murphy Junior High and Tech High School for two years. He was the Co-Captain of the last Tech High ROTC Rifle Team and graduated in the first class from J.C. Murphy High School in 1948 after restructuring of the Atlanta school system of 1947. He was a cadet captain of Company B of the Junior ROTC Battalion at Murphy High School. He attended Georgia Tech, earning a degree in Industrial Engineering in 1957. Dave proudly served his country, entering the United States Army June of 1951 during the Korean Police Action. Trained as a Combat Engineer at Fort Belvoir, VA, he was "Soldier of the Week" and "Trainee of the Month" for the 8th training company for the 2nd Training Battalion of the Engineer Replacement Training Center. After completing basic training he was shipped to Europe during the NATO build up in 1951 to the American zone of Austria. When he reached Austria, he was reclassified due to his Engineering background. He was assigned to serve in the G-3 section of the Tactical Command from January 1952 to May 1953 of the United States Forces during the "Cold War" when he reached the rank of Staff Sergeant. In May of 1953 he was rotated back to the states where he served in the Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in August of 1959.

After his service he entered the construction industry where he worked as an Estimator and Project Manager for several proponent mechanical contractors in the Atlanta area. He spent 29 years in the construction industry working for others and 20 years as co-owner of a construction consulting company, Gleeson, Floyd & Associates. He traveled extensively in connection with his work and retired in 2002. As a part of his professional life he was a member and past President of the Atlanta Chapter No. 14 of the American Society of Professional Estimators

(ASPE) and a Certified Professional Estimator. He served two terms as Southern Governor of the ASPE and was a member of the American Society of Engineers, Member of the American Institute of Contractors, Member of the Society of Military Engineers, and trained and served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. He was a holder of a Skill and Qualification Certificate for Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Contractors for the State and Georgia.

In his private life he liked to go fishing with his son Robin, grade coins and stamps and foster a deep love and appreciation for History. Dave and Pat spent many football seasons in Bobby Dodd Stadium cheering on their Yellow Jackets. He enjoyed spending time with his Granddaughter, Taylor, talking Floyd family history and cooking dinner together. Dave was very proud of his Southern Heritage and for being born and raised in Atlanta, GA. He had 12 ancestors that served in the Confederate Army, he also had ancestors that were part of the Roswell Mill people who were arrested by General Sherman, charged with treason, shipped North in a boxcar and left to fend for themselves in Indiana in 1864. Dave was a proud member and past adjutant of the Major William E. Simmons Camp 96 and Sons of Confederate Veterans in Lawrenceville, GA. He was also the member of the following organizations: Adjutant of the Georgia Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOS&B), the General John B. Gordon Chapter 88 of the MOS&B, Army of Tennessee, served as Southern Councilor for the MOS&B, member of the Point Lookout Prisoner of War Organization (Dave had a Confederate Ancestor, John Henry Floyd, who was held there as a POW during the War Between the States), served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table, served as Financial Officer for the Old Guard of the Gate City Guard with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He also served on the board of the Southern Cultural Foundation as well as a volunteer at the Gwinnett County Veterans Memorial Museum located in the Historic Courthouse on the square in Lawrenceville, GA.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel in Snellville, Georgia. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Gwinnett County Veterans Memorial Museum (185 W Crogan St room 118, Lawrenceville, GA 30046). Their number is (678)457-9542.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, Georgia 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.