Paul Albert Fries, Jr.

September 26, 1933 - May 9, 2008

Paul Albert Fries, Jr. of Lady Lake, FL formerly of Chester, a retired Navy Commander and decorated Veteran of the Vietnam War and later a logistics consultant, died at the Hospice House at The Villages in Florida. He was 74.

Commander Fries, a native of Philadelphia, was commissioned in the Navy Supply Corps after graduating from the Pennsylvania State University in 1955 with a degree in Labor-Management Relations.

After two tours of sea duty in the Atlantic and Pacific, Cdr. Fries was assigned top the Naval Ordnance Supply Office, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, in the Policy and Plans Department, and then in the early 60's to the Naval Security Group Activity, Edzell, Scotland as Supply and Fiscal Officer. Returning to the U.S., he reported to Naval Supply Systems Command Headquarters., Policy Development and Review Department. In the late 60's, he was assigned to the USS Newport News, a heavy cruiser, as Supply Officer. The ship was transferred from the Atlantic Fleet to the Seventh Fleet so as to provide naval gunfire support for our forces in Vietnam. The ship was also flagship for Market Time interdiction operations and Cdr. Fries was also attached to the fleet staff as logistics officer for the 65-ship force. In the early 70's, he was transferred to the Defense Contracts Administration Headquarters Planning Office. From there, he attended the Air Force Institute of Technology where he earned his master's degree in Logistics Management. Cdr. Fries was then

assigned to the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Head of the Logistics Analysis Branch. He retired in 1975.

Cdr. Fries was the recipient of the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal (with three stars), among others.

After he retired from the USN, he joined Information Spectrum, Inc., a defense-consulting firm. He was Vice President for Mobility, Mobilization and Logistics Technology. Cdr. Fries dealt primarily with war plan development and mobilization and deployment exercises for the military services and the Maritime Administration. He retired in 1991.

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Fleet Reserve Association and the Penn State Alumni Association. He was Commodore of the West River Yacht Club and a member of the Chesapeake Commodores Club; he was also active in the Kent Island Yacht Club. Cdr. Fries was a member of Almas Temple. He enjoyed golfing and boating.

Survivors include his three daughters; Debra L. Masengale and Kim I. Oyler of Chester, MD, Valerie N. O'Hara of Crofton, MD, a son; Paul A. Fries, III of Bowie, MD, and five grand children. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene S. Fries.

Residing in the Villages with Arlene Mae since March 2005, Paul thoroughly enjoyed retirement including playing executive golf and going to the Town Square to see Scooter the DJ.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Navy/Marine Corps Memorial Foundation at 801 North Randolph St. (Room 1228),

Arlington, VA 22203.

Services to be held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA on August 13, 2008 at 11 am.

Tribute Wall

We will miss our father but know he has rejoined our Mom for eternity. Love and miss them both terribly.##imported-begin##Kim Oyler (Fries)##imported-end##

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Dear family, as Dad's oldest daughter, it seems fitting that I am the first one to go online and post a message. It is sad that we have lost both parents so early in our lives. We learned a lot from them, especially to be a close and caring family. I miss them both terribly. Love you all.

Daughter/Sib # 1##imported-begin##Debbie Masengale##imported-end##

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