



## **Lt. Col. Arthur Allan Andraitis, USAF, Ret.**

April 20, 1931 - April 2, 2015

Lt. Col. Arthur Allan Andraitis, 83, passed away Thursday morning April 2nd following a brief illness. He was born in Ohio and has lived in Vallejo, California for the past 3 years.

Arthur was an Intelligence Officer with the United States Air Force for 24 years. He earned his Bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Idaho-Moscow and attended Officer Training School at Offutt AFB in Omaha, Nebraska. He was a decorated veteran and served his country from 1955-1978.

He is survived by his children Sally Ann (husband Joseph Edward) Smiell and Ted (wife Shima) Andre and his grandchildren Franz Joseph, Johann Christian Amadeus, and Johannes Antonin Smiell. He was preceded in death by his wife Gretchen Gloria Andraitis and his sister Susan Jane Sloat.

Burial with full Military Honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, beginning at 9am at the Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, with Pastor Wayne Lehrer and the Air Force Chaplain presiding.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lt. Col. Arthur Allan Andraitis, USAF, Ret.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM

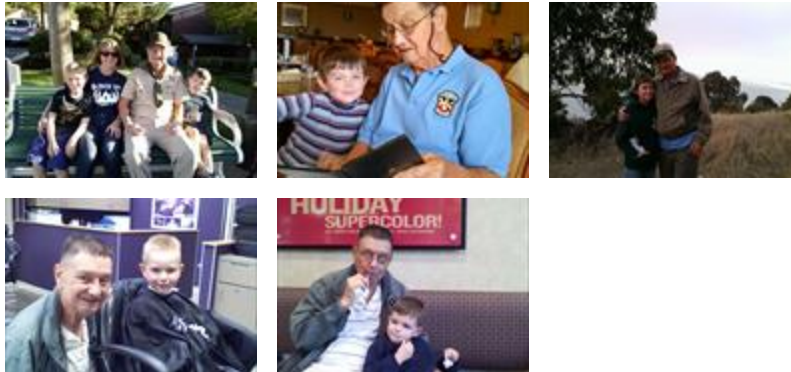


“ *I remember Art's enthusiasm and noble service to his country, especially at Schierstein and Wiesbaden Germany with the 497RTG. He was greatly admired by the whole community.*

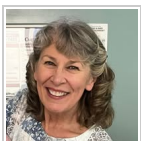
Stephen Craig - January 17, 2021 at 02:40 PM



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Sally Ann Smiell - August 10, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ *Art and Gretchen were wonderful neighbors. When my daughter was young, they would always support her fundraising activities for her school. They even hired her to walk their dog one summer. They both are missed.*

Brenda Crider - August 09, 2015 at 09:58 PM



*Thank you, Brenda, for your kind thoughts. -SA*

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**Sally Ann Smiell** - August 10, 2015 at 06:30 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Art's passing. St. Paul Lutheran Church was very important part of his life while he lived in the Shenandoah Valley. Art was very kind and gentle person who always had something nice to say and who did not hold back in voicing his appreciation. He was a very devoted husband who loved his wife dearly. :)*  
*His sweet spirit and smile has been missed since moving from the area.*  
*I he will be missed by many.*

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**carol smith** - July 22, 2015 at 08:12 AM

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*I was thinking about Art this morning and so did a search and found that he has passed. I met him in Washington, DC when I was working there for the Federal Government. We met at an Idaho Society event and seemed to hit it off. He was a great and kind man. Albert Barros*

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**Albert Barros** - February 11, 2019 at 06:24 PM