



Col. John H. Wright Jr. MD, USAF, Ret.

November 12, 1931 - February 24, 2013

Colonel John H. Wright Jr., 81, passed peacefully Sunday at his home following a brief illness. He was born in New York City and has been a Glen Cove (Vallejo) resident for the past 13 years. John will be remembered for his competitive spirit, his strength of purpose and his dignity in all things.

Colonel Wright was a graduate of Vanderbilt University Medical School and completed Neurosurgical training at UCSF. He went on to be a Neurosurgeon and Flight Surgeon with the United States Air Force. He served with distinction in Europe and the Philippines before being stationed at Travis Air Force Base. Upon retirement, John was in private practice in Woodland, California, before moving to Glen Cove. A member of the Benicia Yacht Club, John was an avid and very competitive yachtsman, sailing locally as well as on San Francisco Bay, in the ocean, on Lake Michigan and the in the Caribbean. He served as a vestry member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was a member of the San Francisco Queens Club.

Colonel Wright is survived by his wife Johanna; son Stephen Handly (Florence) Wright; his 104-year-old mother Mary Tylee Wright; and sisters

Amanda Smoot and Patricia Jacock. Preceding John in death was his sister Camilla Higley.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 23rd at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 120 East J Street, Benicia, with The Very Reverend Jeannie Forte officiating. Burial with full Military Honors will be at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Donations in memory of Colonel Wright may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Col. John H. Wright Jr. MD, USAF, Ret.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *David Simmons lit a candle in memory of Col. John H. Wright Jr. MD, USAF, Ret.*



David Simmons - March 18, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ *I truly wish I would of been able to talk with the Lt. Col. he was my doc on ST. PATRICKS DAY 1971...He fix a small entrance wound in my left forehead from a perfectly placed strike with the first zRhino 3 iron club. I think remembering our past is important as not to forget the men who saved our lives in such circumstance by giving them a belated but owed indelible thank you for all the years of pain free thoughts and experiences...Godbless this man. Dsviid Allen Simmonsgrateful and beloved we remain courageous in quiet solomnence with christ as our counsel. ZzThank You Delta m*

David Simmons - March 18, 2015 at 10:27 AM