



William Boyd Mozey, Jr.

September 3, 1933 - December 20, 2020

Mozey Jr., Lt. Col. William "Bill" (Ret) passed away unexpectedly on 12/20/20 at 87. Bill was born in Minneapolis on 9/3/33. Graduated from Patrick Henry High School ('52) and U of MN ('55). He was a career Airborne Army officer with two tours in Vietnam as well as tours in Germany and South Korea. He was the originator of the "Death From Above" cards used exclusively by his airborne rifle company in Vietnam. Preceded in death by parents William and Hilma Mozey, dtr, Ann, and brothers, Ron, John and Russel. Survived by loving wife of 43 years, Sherrill; sons, David (Christina) of Brainerd, Dale (Mary Ann) of Mahtomedi, and Dan of Houston; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Sarah, Emily, Elaine, and Aaron. Bill was known for his great sense of humor, generosity, and love of family. He had extensive knowledge and loved antiques, esp. oriental; an expert on WWII and prior Japanese weapons; and a donor of major collections and significant artifacts to museums throughout the world, including a major Korean collection to the MN Museum of Art. He had a story or joke for every occasion. Known as "Col. Bill" to many, he was easily recognizable by his red army beret with attached paratrooper wings he wore with pride. He was much loved and respected by many and will be dearly missed. He will be interned at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery later this summer. Memorials may be given to the donor's choice. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Obituary detail
Guest Book (1)

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

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“ My Father, Duane Gratz, was friends with Bill going back to Patrick Henry High School. He always spoke highly of him. I had the pleasure of meeting "Col. Bill" a number of times over the years when he would stop by our store "Gratz Sewing". Planing lunches and reunions, bringing interesting gifts, or just to shoot the breeze. If I remember right, I talked to him after my Father passed in 2002 and he took care of getting a group of guys to be pallbearers at the funeral. He stopped by our store every once in awhile after Dad's death just to say hi and see how I was doing. That was much appreciated. Always a big smile, a good [or bad] joke, and an interesting take on current events. Enjoyed both his humor and his Knowledge. I think he is one of those people whom you could meet just once, for say 5 minutes, and remember for a lifetime. One of the Good Guys in my book. With Sympathy, David Gratz----Saint Louis Park, MN

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