

The family of William Duke Ayres (Berlin Class of '66) is saddened to announce his passing on February 14th, 2019. We have pasted his obituary as it has not been sent to the funeral home yet but wanted to let friends and family know. Services have yet to be determined but we will update the page as soon as we have finished making the arrangements.



He is now with his true love in Heaven

It is with great sadness that the family of William "Duke" Winters Ayres announces his sudden passing on February 14, 2019, at the age of 71 in Manassas, Virginia. Born in Fort Benning, Georgia on July 5, 1947, to Colonel Harold Boswell Ayres and Betty Winters, Duke lived in Berlin, Germany; Newport, Rhode Island where he graduated from Rogers High school, and eventually Alexandria, VA where he worked at the Fort Myer Commissary before retiring in 2016.

Duke is preceded in death by his beloved "Darlin" Deborah Elaine Ayres whom he shared 37 wonderful years of marriage. He is survived by his sister, Susan Eubanks; sister-in-law, Sharon Follin and husband Pete; nieces, Tiffany Woods, Michelle Zolkowski and husband Jason, April Johnson, Kimberly Bennett, Michelle Boals and husband Brian, Niki Anthony and husband Ryan; nephew, Clay Talbot; great-nieces, Layla Zolkowski, Alena Zolkowski, and Lili Anthony; great-nephews, Rowan Anthony, Banks Boals, Henry Boals, and James Boals; best friend Bobby Bowden, and numerous other family members and friends.

Duke was a skilled drummer and artist who loved music and painting. He played the drums for numerous bands including The Mosaic Virus, Gravity, Link Wray, Raymen, and Snake, and made many friends along the way. In addition, he enjoyed rooting for the Washington Redskins and going to the movies with his "Darlin" Debbie.

A graveside service will be held at Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington, VA - time and date to be determined. Interment to follow.