

North Fort Myers, Florida



Duane Vaughn Mitton, age 93 of North Fort Myers, Florida died Thursday, 11 February 2016 at the Hope Hospice House in Cape Coral after an extended illness. Born 28 May 1922 in Cass County, Minnesota he was the youngest of three sons of the late Eunice Anna Ramsey and William Richard Mitton. Duane was a 1940 graduate of Staples High School, a veteran of World War II having served in the United States Army, and a 1953 graduate of North Carolina State in Raleigh, North Carolina with a Degree in Electrical Engineering. He was an Electrical Engineer for 32 years with Motorola, T.R.W. and retired from Lockheed Missiles and Space Division in 1987, having worked on the Apollo Space Program from 1966-1970. Additionally, he served at

both the Polaris Missile Facility, Atlantic (POMFLANT), in Charleston, SC and the Polaris Missile Facility, Pacific (POMFPAC) in Bremerton, WA. Known to his friends and family as "Sarge", he had lived in Charleston, South Carolina and Austin, Texas prior to moving to Marion, Virginia in 1992 where he became a faithful member of the Marion Baptist Church. Sarge moved to North Fort Myers in 2012 to enjoy the warmer weather. One of Sarge's greatest enjoyments in life was riding his bicycle, even after he lost his eyesight he bought a tandem enabling him ride while someone else drove. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of sixty years, Julia Maie Johnston Mitton in 2005, and his two brothers, Richard Ramsey Mitton and William E. "Al" Mitton. Surviving are his faithful caregiver, Patricia "Pat" Wimperis and her family, as well as several members in the Mitton and Johnston families. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, 15 February 2016 at 1300 at the Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington, North Carolina with the Reverend Dr. Bobby Gantt officiating. Those who wish may make memorial contributions in Duane and Julia's memory to the Marion Baptist Church, 1258 North Main Street, Marion, Virginia 24354. The Padgett and King Mortuary is in charge of arrangements and an online guest registry is available at [www.padgettking.com](http://www.padgettking.com)