



Mr. Joseph H. LePla (Col. USAF Ret.)

November 10, 1923 - January 3, 2023

Col (USAF Ret.) Joseph H. LePla, age 99, of Albany, GA died on January 3, 2023 at home.

His funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at Kimbrell-Stern with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Friday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

A native of Palatka, FL he had resided in Albany, GA following his retirement from the U.S. Air Force in June 1974. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years Kathleen (Kitty) Knight LePla, a native of Albany. Also, he was preceded in death by Mrs. Catherine M. Lyon, his loving companion of 9 years.

He is survived by his daughters Kathleen and her husband Larry Sexton of Albany and Sally Jo and her husband Lt. General (USAF Ret.) Tom Travis of San Antonio, TX.

Grandson James T. Mizell III preceded him in death. He is survived by five grandchildren Carrie Rose Mizell Taylor of Leesburg, GA, Rachel Susan Mizell of Albany, Kathryn Louise Mizell of Macon, GA, Anna Travis Miller and her husband Clay Miller and Dan Travis of San Antonio, TX.

His great-grandchildren include William Joseph Fisher Taylor and Rosemary

Lindsey Dasher Taylor (Carrie), Chase Henry Rogers (Rachel), Madison Jane Miller and Taylor Leigh Miller (Anna).

Col. LePla was a member of the following organizations, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge and Air Force Retired Judge Advocate Association.

Col. LePla enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January 1942 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. at the age of 18. Then served in Italy as a bombardier and armaments officer during World War II. Discharged in 1945, he entered Stetson University, DeLand, FL, and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 1950. At this time he returned to Active Duty and served 24 years as an Air Force Judge Advocate. He was stationed at Turner AFB during the period of 1950-1953. Later he served two tours of duty in Korea and one in Puerto Rico. He retired as a Colonel in 1974.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I have fond memories of Joe & Catherine having dinner and dancing at the Elks Lodge. He was a kind & generous man. My sympathies and prayers to his family.
Cathy McCabe Owen

Catherine Owen - January 06, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph H. LePla (Col. USAF Ret.).



January 06, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph H. LePla (Col. USAF Ret.).



January 05, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ Tim and Darlene Endy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Joseph H. LePla (Col. USAF Ret.).



Tim and Darlene Endy - January 05, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph H. LePla (Col. USAF Ret.).*



January 05, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ *AAS Transport INC; Forsyth, GA purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Joseph H. LePla (Col. USAF Ret.).*



AAS Transport INC; Forsyth, GA - January 04, 2023 at 10:10 AM