



Dr. William Charles Dempsey

October 8, 1929 - June 30, 2014

Dr. William C. Dempsey, CAPT MC USN, Ret. passed away on June 30, 2014 at the age of 84 in his home in Manassas, VA. Dr. Dempsey was born to William and Lotta Dempsey of Brooklyn, NY on Oct 8, 1929. After completing his undergraduate degree at St. John's University in New York, he graduated from The State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. He then began a 22 year career in the United States Navy Medical Corps which included qualification as a Flight Surgeon and service as ship's doctor of USS Independence (CV-64) in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War. He then completed his Board Certification in Plastic Surgery and was ultimately selected as Chief Plastic Surgeon of the Navy.

Upon retirement from active duty in 1977, Dr. Dempsey began his private practice in Fairfax, Virginia. This included being among the first Chiefs of Surgical Staff at Inova, Fair Oaks Hospital. He was in private practice for nearly 30 years.

He is survived by his six children, William Dempsey Jr, CDR USN Ret. and his wife Leslie of Southern Pines, NC, Edward Dempsey, CDR USN Ret. and his wife Kathy of Leesburg, VA, Thomas Dempsey of Tampa, FL, Suzanne Dempsey Carroll of Manassas, VA, Barbara Dempsey of Lewisville, TX, and William C. Dempsey II and his wife Joanna of Reston, VA, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The family will receive friends 6:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday, November 13, 2014 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. Funeral

services will be 9:00 AM Friday, November 14, 2014 at Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel with interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

The family would like to thank his daughter Suzanne for her love and care of their father for these last several years. Online condolences and funeral information may be found at: Pierce Funeral Homes; <http://www.piercefh.com/obituaries/>

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

NOV 14. 9:00 AM (ET)

Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel
Arlington, VA

Tribute Wall

EB

“ Bill Dempsey was related to me I believe through my father's side of the family. My dad was Anthony Blumberg. I met Bill when he was aboard the Independence at Norfolk, VA back in 1966 or 67. I was a 3rd class Parachute Rigger at the time. I had dinner with Bill and his wife on several occasions at their home in Norfolk. If his wife is still living and reads this or any relatives read this, I gave Bill a painting I did in high school in Brooklyn. They were going to take it with them when they shipped out to the West Coast. Before I got married, I dated their baby sitter when they lived in Virginia Beach. Please have someone in the family get in touch with me. fearlessfrog48@gmail.com

You served our Country with honor. Thank you for your service. May you forever Rest In Peace.

Ed Blumberg

Edward Blumberg - May 12, 2016 at 06:18 PM

EB

Suzanne, PLEASE get in touch with me. I now know the link between your dad and my family. It was NOT my fathers side of the family...it was my moms!!! I'm related to your Grandmother. Lotta. My grandmother is her SISTER! Contact me at: fearlessfrog48@gmail.com NOW I know where I got the patch from the Independence from!

Edward Blumberg - November 27, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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“ Over a period of many years, my wife was Dr. Dempsey's patient, I drove her to his office. Every time after completing his consultation with my wife, he took time to come out to the reception area to greet and talk with me. A rare event for a physician. For several years before I retired as a CPA in 1992, I had the pleasure to prepare his tax return. I will always remember my pleasant association with Dr. Dempsey. I join my wife to extend my deepest sympathy to the Dempsey family.

A.M.Capsalis, CPA (Retired)
Vienna, VA

A.M. Capsalis, CPA (Retired) - July 07, 2014 at 06:25 PM

MC

“ As one of his patients, I will always cherish my memory of Dr. Dempsey. Although he had a busy schedule with many patients, he always took time to make me feel I was his only patient in a most friendly and professional manner. My deepest sympathy to the Dempsey family.

Mary Capsalis, Vienna, Va.

Mary Capsalis - July 07, 2014 at 05:46 PM

JH

“ Dear Dempsey Family,
I wish to share my fond memory of your loving father with you at this time. I worked for your dad and his associate Dr. Whipple, as the office manager at their plastic surgery office at Fair Oaks Hospital in the Professional Building 1994 to 1997. I thoroughly loved my position and loved your dad. He was like a father to me. My dad passed away years before I met your dad, and he just seemed so much like a father figure to me. I had to retire from his practice when I was pregnant with my son, due to preterm labor. We kept in touch over the years via birthday cards, Christmas cards and phone calls. He was a kind, thoughtful and loving man. My heart goes out to each and everyone of you. I thank you for being there for him and taking such good care of him. He mentioned you on several occasions and we spoke about getting together to have dinner. May God bless you and keep you. HE never will forsake you or leave you. HE is always in your corner at a time like this. You are in my thoughts every step of the way. I was shocked to have heard of your loss. Please know how very sorry I am. Sincerely, Jennifer Holder
Leesburg, Va.

Jennifer Holder - July 07, 2014 at 12:02 PM

JU

Dr.Dempsey was a customer of mine for many years and I worked on several of his vehicles. He gave me good advice when my son had medical problems and I really enjoyed having him as my customer. I was saddened to hear of your loss. Julian (Doc) Hirst Retired Master Tech

Julian - July 08, 2014 at 11:14 PM

JD

Dear grandpa I will always love you and I will never stop thinking about because you are always in my heart I miss you so much I just wish you could come back to us rest in piece I love you

josh dempsey - August 23, 2015 at 10:40 PM