

Sydney Smith Pool Jr.

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Ret. Major (USAF) Sydney Smith Pool Jr., 78, died Sept. 5, 2007, at his home in Wichita Falls.

Visitation will be 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 at Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home.

Requiem Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd with the Very Rev. Scott R. Wooten, SSC, and the Rev. Canon David E. Nyberg officiating. Interment will follow in The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd columbarium. Arrangements are under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home.



Syd was born March 3, 1929, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and grew up in Maywood, N.J. He married Shirley Fisher on June 21, 1952, at St. James Episcopal Church in Batavia, N.Y. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1950, was commissioned in 1953, graduated from pilot training in 1954, and continued advance training in helicopters. He retired in 1970 after 20 years of service. He served as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War and was awarded the DFC, three Air Medals, and the Purple Heart among other citations. He thoroughly enjoyed his varied career in the military service. He served God in the church on the vestry and in the choir. He was a member of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Order of Daedalians Flight #29, USAF Helicopter Pilot Association, and the Military Officers' Association. He formerly was a member of the North Texas Men's Chorus; Interfaith Ministries Inc.; Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol; BPO Elks Chapter 666, Watertown, Wis.; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Watertown; and All Saints Episcopal Church, Wichita Falls. He had served as a volunteer at Concern Inc. He attended Clarkson College in Potsdam, N.Y., and graduated in 1981 from Wayland Baptist College in Wichita Falls. He was an avid bridge player, enjoyed music and the theater, and was fascinated and knowledgeable about words, their origin and uses.

Syd was preceded in death by his parents, Sydney Smith Pool Sr. and Sarah Evelyn Goodwin Pool; and a sister, Alice S. Pool Jesse.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; two daughters, Stacey (Patrick) Regan of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Sherry (Mark) Harlass of Hurst, Texas; a son, Scott (Joy) Pool of Arlington, Texas; and eight grandchildren. All will be present at the visitation.