

Maj. Charles Pollard Andrews, U.S. Army (Ret.)

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Maj. Charles "Chuck" Pollard Andrews, 83, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012 at Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital, just two days shy of one year after the death of his beloved wife, Mary Virginia "Ginny" Wells Andrews.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Maj. Andrews was the son of the late Clarence Oswald Andrews and Leila Jean Pollard of Paw Paw, MI. A graduate of Paw Paw High School, Maj. Andrews attended Tri-State College in Angola, IN, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.

After 23 years of distinguished service, Maj. Andrews retired from the U.S. Army, where he both commanded soldiers as a combat infantry officer and competed on the Army Pistol Team. He was deployed several times, including two tours in Korea and active service in Vietnam.

Maj. Andrews' awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB), two Bronze Stars, two Army Com-mendation Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (for wartime service in Korea), the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Air Medal, the Armed Forces Re-serve Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

In his post-Army retirement years, Maj. Andrews was very active in his community, founding several businesses, including Chuck's Ice Cream in Five Points, and volunteering for a variety of organizations.

Maj. Andrews was a past commander of American Legion Post Six, where he was very dedicated to the American Legion Baseball team and Shooting Sports. He served as the Legion Athletic Officer, helping the Post Six team make it to the American Legion World Series in 2000. He was a member of the Forty & Eight, as well as a Mason and a Shriner. He worked closely with veterans, volunteering at



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the VA hospital, and he assisted children with learning disabilities through both the Columbia Reading Foundation and Sandhills Academy.

An avid big-game hunter, Maj. Andrews had and displayed in his home many trophy mounts from around the world. He also enjoyed bird and other small game hunting. His Army pistol shooting background also led him to several post-Army competition shooting ventures, including pistol matches where he won numerous awards.

He also oversaw and directed monthly NRA-sanctioned pistol matches at Mid-Carolina Rifle Range. He was an accomplished skeet shooter. He enjoyed black-powder shooting, and he participated in several "cowboy shooting" matches. Maj. Andrews was also a recipient of the U.S. Armed Forces' highest award for pistol marksmanship, the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.

Maj. Andrews loved visiting and helping friends. He always gave of himself to others, and he maintained abiding life-long relationships with so many. He also loved to dance, and he and his wife, Ginny, were regulars on the dance floor at the Ft. Jackson Officers' Club.

Maj. Andrews was unrivaled in his devotion to his family. A deeply loving husband, father and grandfather, he was predeceased by the love of his life, Ginny Andrews, his wife of 58 years who passed away Dec. 28, 2011. They are survived by their two children: daughter Dr. Jeanne Andrews Wright (her husband, Donald Scott Wright), son Charles Pollard Andrews II; and two grandchildren, Andrew Scott Wright and Elizabeth Christie Wright.

Services for Maj. Andrews were held Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 at Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel. Com-mendation and Farewell Prayers followed in Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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