



Charles L. Graffius

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Charles L. Graffius of Rehoboth Beach Delaware passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2016. A native of North Vandergrift, PA, he was born on February 8, 1930, son of the late Clyde and Elsie Graffius.

Charles proudly served in the United States Army from 1948 to 1967. He served in Berlin, Germany, Paris France and San Francisco, CA before gaining access to an assignment in the White House in Washington, D.C. He worked there under Presidents: Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson and he made many trips with the Presidential Party. After retiring from the military he was instrumental in the founding of Hiban, Graffius Management Company supervising thirty condominiums and co-ops in the Washington area.

Charles was one of the initial founders of the 1600 Communications Association, an organization of present and past members of the military and Secret Service who served in the White House. He is a past president of the organization. He was the recipient of the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his service. He was also a member of BUSMA, an organization of veterans of the Berlin Air Lift of 1948 to 1949. Charles is the author of "I Never Kissed My Father Goodby" A memoir of his life and adventures.

Charles is survived by his wife of 61 years Mai-Britt who married him in Paris, France; one daughter Jeannie Eichner and her husband Martin of Palo Alto, CA; a brother Donald and his wife Andee of Philadelphia, PA.

Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Please sign Charles online guestbook on this site.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Graffius family.

January 24 at 11:01 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Graffius family.

January 24 at 10:55 AM



1600 Communications Assn. posted:

On behalf of the members of the 1600 Communications Association, we send our deepest sympathies and condolences. Even though Charlie passed in November 2016, we just learned of his passing today January 24, 2017. We would very much like to know information concerning interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

January 24 at 9:46 AM



Anne-Lee Klingström lit a candle in honor of Charles.

December 21 at 7:03 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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