



Mark Ponzillo LTC (Ret)

January 15, 1942 - July 14, 2019

A Celebration of Life for Mark Ponzillo, LTC (Ret), 77, of Thomasville will be held at 6:30PM on Thursday July 18, 2019 at Victory Fellowship Church with Pastor Jamie Nunnally officiating. Mr. Ponzillo passed away July 14, 2019 at Archbold Memorial Hospital. Born January 15, 1942 in Troy, New York, he was the son of the late Mark and Jennie Forte Ponzillo. He was married to his wife of 51 years, Jo Hayes Ponzillo, who survives. He retired from the United States Army where he started as a private and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He was a member of Special Forces, LRRPs, MSOG, and served 3 combat tours in Vietnam. He earned the Master Parachutist Badge, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit with cluster, as well as other awards. Mr. Ponzillo was an advocate for veterans and was very active in veteran affairs. He loved the sport of swimming and became one of the most senior swimming officials in USA Swimming. He served as the swimming competition manager for the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta, GA. He was a partner of Victory Fellowship Church. In addition to his loving wife, he is also survived by his daughters, Laura Ponzillo and Kerri Knight (Jay), both of Thomasville; granddaughters, Caroline Knight, Samantha Knight and Piper Knight. He was preceded in death by his brother, John Ponzillo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Special Operations Foundation, PO Box 70822, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina 38207 or Gary Sinise Foundation, PO Box 368 · Woodland Hills, CA · 91365 or the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. His interment will be held at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga. with military honors.

Cemetery

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1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, GA, 30114