



Dennis P. McAuliffe

April 8, 1922 - July 31, 2012

D.P. McAuliffe "Phil" LTG USA (Ret.)

On Tuesday, July 31, 2012 of Ft. Belvoir, VA. A graduate of West Point in 1944, General McAuliffe had a 35 year military career. He saw combat in World War II and Vietnam, where he served as Assistant Division Commander of the 1st Infantry Division and Deputy Senior Advisor to Vietnamese Forces in III Corps. From 1975-79 General McAuliffe was Commander in Chief of the U.S. Southern Command in Panama. He retired from the Army in 1979 and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as the first Administrator of the new Panama Canal Commission, a position created by the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties. He held that post for 10 years, reappointed by President Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Beloved husband of the late Kathleen B. McAuliffe; father of Carolyn Shoemaker (Bert), Denny McAuliffe (Fleur) and Kathie McAuliffe; grandfather of Jenny Hutcherson (Jeff), April Shoemaker, Kara Boothe, Phil Boothe and Kevin McAuliffe; great-grandfather of five. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial at The Fairfax, 9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Ft. Belvoir, VA on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 9 am with gathering following at 11:30 AM. Inurnment West Point Cemetery, West Point, NY at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Catholic Community at The Fairfax.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis P. McAuliffe*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I remember this General when i was stationed in Panama Jan-1977 to Dec 1978 i worked at Quarry Heights as a driver i was in the 475th Trans Co on Ft Clayton and i remember the night i picked him up at his house on Quarry Heights for a meeting in November 1978 when the Jim Jones incident happen in Gyanna the general was such a nice person to me he talk to me and told me if there was anything he could do for me to let him know here i was talking to a three star general like we knew each other for a long time it sadens me to see that he passed away he was a great person i will never forget him*

Henry C Lamothe - February 07, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Obituary Wall*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *Republic of Panama, eugust 18th 2021. Thanks to the efforts of my former boss, Denis, the Panama canal survived during trying times (December 1989 JUST CAUSE). May God keep him.*

August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Carolyn, Denny, Kathie -- My thoughts and prayers are with you all in a special way after hearing the news of the loss of your dear father. It was such a privilege to have worked with him for the ten years that he lead the Panama Canal.... such a great leader during the Canal transition, and especially during such trying times in Panama. It was such a blessing from God for us all that were there during those pivotal years....such a wonderful and brilliant gentleman! I will never forget him - in fact, he has been in my thoughts and prayers quite often these past few years, especially after your dear mother passed away. My love to all, and may God bless and keep you close to His heart. Maruja Langman

August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember General McAuliffe especially in his daily physical activity. He would be out on the causeway at Fort Amador doing his running. He was always pleasant and responded to friendly greetings as he sprinted along. His leadership was recognized by all in Southern Command and his duties as Administrator were superior.

August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ You all have lost a Father, Grandfather and a Great-grandfather We have lost a GREAT friend Panama and the USA have lost a Great leader And the world has lost a GREAT PERSON

August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Denny, I'm the Dominican priest originally from St. Paul (Osage Mission), KS. I went to celebrate Mass this morning at The Fairfax, and I found out that the Mass was being offered for the repose of your father's soul. I just wanted to give you and your family my condolences. May your father and mother rest in the peace of the risen Lord, the One who is our Bread of Life. With my prayers, Fr. Andrew, O.P.

August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM