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Fredrick S. (Fred) Henry

Naples, FL - Fredrick S. (Fred) Henry, LT. Colonel US [Army](#) (retired) received his final marching orders on March 2, 2018. Fred was the only son of George S. and Eunice Cobb Henry and was born July 11, 1930 in Jackson, TN. After graduating from Jackson High in 1948, he attended the University of Alabama on an athletic scholarship where he obtained a B.A. degree and met and married Beverly Taylor, also from Jackson, who predeceased him in March 2004. Fred was also preceded in death by his parents, sister Joyce Moore, and granddaughter Dawn Christina Whitt Trousdale. He is survived by sister Vera Agerter, Jackson, TN; daughters Debbie Gaw, Cookeville, TN; Janice Schroer, Fort Myers, FL; Karen Wheeler, Rockingham, NC; Stephanie Eller, N. Ft. Myers, FL; and Kelli Henry, New York, NY; 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and his companion Marlene Peters.

Before entering the Army, Fred signed a professional baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals and played in their farm system. Highlights of his military career include the position as commander of the 1st Operational HAWK Missile Battery at Key West during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Professor of Military Science at Washington and Jefferson College, Chief Nuclear Weapon Employment Element with Central Army Group (NATO), and Chief Inspector of Training of VN Forces Military Assistance Command in Vietnam. His assignment at HQ, US Army Vietnam (USARV) as Operations Officer was highlighted by his writing the initial draft in 1972 for final withdrawal of residual Army US troops in 1973.

After retirement from the Army, Fred moved his family to Southwest Florida where, because of his love of skeet, he accepted the position as manager at the New Fort Myers Gun Club. Later, he founded Rollin' Pit BBQ Catering Service which evolved into Deep South BBQ & Concessions and then into Southern Accents, which is still catering great food under the watchful eye of Skiff Green, a long-time friend.

Fred was a member of St. Johns Masonic Lodge #332, Jackson, TN, having been raised to a Master Mason in the German-American Masonic Lodge in 1955 at Stuttgart, Germany. He was also a member of the [V.F.W.](#), Retired Officers Association, Military Order of the World Wars, the American Legion, Moose, Naples Bridge Club, Handicap in

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National Cremation Society will handle arrangements. No formal local services are planned. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be directed to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

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