

**LT. COL. ARTHUR E.
"ART" GIROUX**

Lt. Col. Arthur E. "Art" Giroux, a resident of Huntsville for more than 30 years, passed away August 23, 2003 in the comfort of his home. Lt. Col. Giroux was born in Burlington, Vermont on July 27, 1932, to Michael J. Giroux and Ernestine (Morin) Giroux.

After a long outstanding military career, Lt. Col. Giroux moved with his family in 1972 to Huntsville, where he earned an accounting degree from Sam Houston State University. From 1974 to 1980, he served as Walker County's first internal auditor, and from 1980 to 1987 he was the manufacturing systems manager at Hughes Production Tools Co. Lt. Col. Giroux then served as Huntsville's hospital district administrator until he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 1990.

Lt. Col. Giroux was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Huntsville Kiwanis Club and the Huntsville Arts Commission. Lt. Col. Giroux also served as president of the Texas Retired Officer's Association of Huntsville.

Before moving to Huntsville, Lt. Col. Giroux had served with distinction in the United States Air Force for 23 years. While in the Air Force stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., he was involved in pressure suit training for astronaut candidates in the Aerospace Research Pilot's School. For his work there, he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. Later Lt. Col. Giroux was commander of ocean survival schools located in Numazu, Japan, and Kadena Okinawa. Lt. Col. Giroux spent a year serving his country in Vietnam, where he flew more than 510 combat hours. As a command pilot, he accrued 6,000 hours of flying time. His final assignment was to command the 3613th Combat Support Group at Homestead AFB, Fla. Lt. Col. Giroux was squadron commander of the combined Air Force Ocean Schools at Homestead until his retirement in 1972.

and medals include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and an Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster. Lt. Col. Giroux was also awarded pilot wings by the Nationalist Chinese Air Force.

Lt. Col. Giroux will be remembered for his keen sense of humor, his zest for life and devotion to his family.

Special thanks to Dr. David Knuth, the staff at Thee Hospice, Sam Bass and all who supported Lt. Col. Giroux and his family through his extended illness.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy Anne Moore Giroux, of Huntsville; sons Michael Thomas Giroux and wife Sherrie, of Hagerstown, Md., James Arthur Giroux and wife Debbie, of Austin; daughter Jennifer Anne Giroux, of Austin; and four grandchildren Jacob Michael Giroux, Janac Anne Giroux, Julia Elizabeth Giroux and Aaron Eugene Giroux; three brothers and their wives Michael J. Giroux and wife Marie, of Burlington, Vt., Raymond Giroux and wife Waja, of Mystic, Conn., and William A. Giroux and wife Cathy, of Lighthouse Pt., Fla.; two sisters Jeanette Cormier, of Passumpsie, Vt. And Rita St. Louis, of Burlington, Vt.; brother-in-law Charles T. Moore and wife Mary, of Wheeling, W.Va.; sister-in-law Sue Moore Beyner and husband Easton, of Boulder City, Nev.; as well as eighteen nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Lt. Col. Arthur E. "Art" Giroux were Wednesday, August 27, at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Thee Hospice, the First United Methodist Church or the Baylor College of Medicine Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, 6550 Fannin, Suite 1801, Houston, TX. 77030.

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