



Col. Dewey Rodgers Bridges

June 8, 1918 - May 24, 2015

Col Dewey R. Bridges (USAF, Ret), a long time resident of Newington Plantation, Summerville, SC, departed on his last flight on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

An East Texas farm boy, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1937 as an aircraft mechanic. After obtaining a degree from Lon Morris Junior College, Jacksonville, TX, he was commissioned as a pilot in the Army Air Corps. He served in the China Burma Theater in WWII and in the Philippines during the Korean War. During his career he flew over forty-one different aircraft, his most beloved one being the C-124 Globemaster. As Commander of the 9th Troop Carrier Squadron, Donaldson AFB, Greenville, SC, he led the Air Force component for Operation Deep Freeze two years in a row. This mission was the air resupply of US Services in Antarctica. He retired in 1965 as the Deputy Commander for Operations, 1608 ATW, Charleston AFB, SC.

He is survived by three of his four sons: Richard E. Bridges, Summerville, SC; John F. Bridges, Rockledge, FL; and Russell P. Bridges, Mt Juliet, Tennessee; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth E. Bridges, and son Raymond O. Bridges.

Services will be graveside at Beaufort National Cemetery on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 12 o'clock PM.

A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Col. Dewey Rodgers Bridges*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Saw a BLUEBIRD...thoughts of you.*

June 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Time has a way of healing.....our hearts never forget the ones we love.*

June 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

June 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *You hold a place in my heart.....no one will ever fill.....miss you.*

June 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love's Greatest Gift-Rememberence.Always,BB*

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *If tears could build a stairway, And memories a lane ,I' walk right up to heaven And bring you home again.*

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard and Bluebird...so sorry to hear of your loss. I never met your Dad, but feel like I know something of his character through you and the type of people you are. I know he is missed and hope you find comfort in the Lord as well as all the friends your father had that have expressed their condolences here.*

Andrea and Jack - May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard and Itter, I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I know he was a nice person and we was privileged to meet him and have dinner with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

johnny - May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Colonel was our hunt master at our Wragg-Barony hunt club for years, and that is where I met him. He was stern and ran the club like a military organization which made for a safe and great club. It is the personal conversations that I remember most: The talks that we had about our military experiences (mostly his, the advice that he passed on. He "chewed" me out pretty good one time, and he was right, AND I learned from the experience. He was an unforgettable man, and a true patriot. I honor his memory and wish the family well at this time. Larry Davis*

Larry Davis - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Colonel Bridges, we never got to meet you, but felt we were connected to you through your son Rusty and daughter-in-law Becky. Thank you for your generous service and commitment to our country. How fitting for you, a military pilot, to be ordered home by God on Memorial Day weekend. Susan and Louis Staub (Cincinnati, OH)

Louis and Susan Staub - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort help you during this most difficult time. Is. 26:19. Ann~

May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Great Papa - Although we never met I will always think of you when a train goes by and the wooden train whistle I gave you when I went on my field trip with my school. May you rest in peace. Thank you for serving our Country and keeping us safe! Love Always.

E B - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Thank you for caring for, and loving our Southern Bluebird! We only spoke on the phone a few times and you always brought a smile to my face! Your appreciation for life and its beauty made me a better person. As you rest in peace know that you are always in our thoughts. With much Love-

The B Family - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *the nation lost a great warrior and the rest of us a great friend and neighbor rest in peace*

john linda bailey - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. May the GOD of all comfort be with the family at this time of sorrow.*

S - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *A light for us to share here and there. Love, Your Bluebird*

May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Col. Dewey Rodgers Bridges*

Janiece Gordon - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! We loved your family. Have many memories. Love & prayers, Janiece Canant Gordon Summerville, SC*

Janiece Cannot Gordon - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *A life worth celebrating on this Memorial Day weekend....service to his country, his family, his friends and his neighbors. We will miss your exciting stories, your sound advice, your optimistic spirit and your quick wit. Thank you for including us in your life's journey. Rest in Peace Colonel. With Love, Karen and Family*

Karen Geissinger - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God bless Dewey Bridges. He was our very good friend and neighbor for many years on Charleston AFB and Axtell Drive.*
Frances Kenna

May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr Bridges may you rest in the arms of God We were so Blessed in knowing you all these years I am going to miss talking to you on the phone you always knew how to make my day We will never forget the day you came to Fred, Texas just to come and see us When God made you he made a very special man We will miss you but know that we will meet again in Heaven With much Love the Mayor of Fred and Rex Hutto*

Kimberly Hutto - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad, If I could have gone to the store to buy me a dad, I would have picked you! You will be in every Bluebird I see, every Margarita I drink, every window I wash, and I will never have window blinds!...ha ha . Oh yes, I will keep putting vinegar on the fridge door gasket, plus see you in many, many other ways each day.:)Thank you for being my Dad, but most of all....thank you for being you.*
Love,Your Bluebird

May 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*Mr. Richard & Miss Ann, We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We know this has been a long and difficult time for you and your family. We are both here for you in the coming days, weeks, and months; even if it is from a distance. We hope this prayer helps you in finding solace: "Heavenly Father, We thank you for the time we have had with our loved one, a man who was inspiring, selfless, and above all kind. Keep him in your grasp, hold him until we meet and lift him up in heaven as you once have on earth. Until we meet again, greet him with a smile as we endure together until the day Saint Raphael brings us home again. We pray for solace and understanding love and grace in the joys of the great adventure we still have remaining and will reflect on times past and blessed memories that will light our way to meet you in the great blue yonder. We pray all these things in the name of our great Abba, Father. Amen"*

Scott and Joseph McDonald - May 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM