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Wesley Edward Williams, 86, of N. Fort Myers, died Sunday, December 25, 2011 at the Hope Hospice House after a courageous battle with kidney disease. He was born in Boonville, IN on June 30, 1925, the son of Paul Hayden Williams, Sr. and Leona Williams, both of Boonville, IN. He was a graduate of Boonville High School and the University of Indiana where he received his bachelor's degree in Geology. Wes was also a philanthropic supporter of the U.S. Olympics. He was proud to serve in the United States Navy, where he enlisted on June 26, 1943 and served until his Honorable Discharge on December 15, 1945 with the rank of Lt. JG (Lieutenant Junior Grade). He served as a Naval Aviator in World War II. Wes flew to Tulsa, OK where he proposed to Joyce Anne Pope and the two were married on September 8, 1948. The happy couple had four children: Kelly Hayden, Peggy Evelyn, Tammy Anne and Kerby Edward. In the late 1960's, the family moved from Greenville, KY to Naples, FL. As a long time member of the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, Wes served as Commodore for many years. He moved from Naples to N. Fort Myers in 1993 where he resided until his passing. Wes was predeceased by both parents: Paul H. Williams, Sr. (1971) and Leona Williams (1991); his former wife, Joyce Anne (Pope) Williams (1986) and both his siblings: Paul H. Williams, Jr. (2011) and Juanita E. (Williams) Staton (2009). Survivors include his loving family: Kelly H. Williams of Destin, FL, Peggy E. (Williams) Russo of Las Vegas, NV, Tammy (Williams) Rutz of Mechanicsburg, PA and Kerby Williams of Destin, FL as well as many beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. We pray that we may be able to continue to live as a reflection of the Love and Strength that our father instilled in us, and that we can in some way, be a testament to his memory. The family would like to say a special thank you to the many people that spent hours and days comforting and



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watching over our father during his final days. So many well wishes and prayers were received; we thank you all. He appreciated each of you and the kindnesses extended to him throughout his illness and his life. Friends are invited to attend funeral services for Mr. Williams at 1:00 PM on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. Friends will be received from Noon until the time of the service. A small reception will be held in the Colonial Family Center of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. In proud remembrance of Wes Williams's military background, burial with Military Honors will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, December 30, 2011 at Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102 Avenue, Bushnell. All are invited to witness this honorable event with the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to: National Wounded Warrior Project, Attn: Donor Services, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite #300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Please include in the memo: Wes Williams, 17170 Watersedge Circle, N. Fort Myers, FL 33917



## Tribute Wall

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**Rae Donadio** posted:

I just found out Wes had passed away with great sadness to my heart. He was a neighbor of mine in Kings Bay. We sold our house 5yrs ago and Wes was one of the neighbors and friends I so missed. What a wonderful caring brilliant man. He was so kind to my family and anytime time we had any question about anything, well we knew Wes would know. We were so blessed to have known him. I would call him maybe once a year and was just going to call him when one of my other neighbors told me he passed as I asked how he was. He talked often about his family whom he loved very much. My deepest sympathy to his family for such a great loss.

January 21 at 10:01 AM



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