



## Roswell Emory Round, Jr., Brigadier General, US Army, Retired

December 10, 1927 - December 5, 2017

Roswell Emory Round, Jr., Brigadier General, US Army, Retired, died on 5 December 2017 in Sarasota, Florida at age 89. He was born on 10 December 1927 at Fort Benning, Georgia, into an Army family, first son of Lt. Roswell E. Round and Louise M. Round. Before reaching his tenth birthday, he had traveled with his parents to The Philippines, Panama, Japan, China and The Territory of Hawaii. Ros graduated from high school in Manassas, VA, in 1945. While in school, he ran on the track team and was quarterback on the football team. After graduation, he enrolled in Sullivan's Preparatory School in Washington DC where he met Miss Mary Hewson DeFrance of Kingston, RI, who was attending St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA. Ros and Mary married after his graduation from West Point in June, 1950. At graduation, Ros requested assignment to the parachute infantry and the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. After graduation from jump school, he embarked on a thirty-year career in the Army that included assignments in Korea as commander of a reconnaissance company that conducted foot patrols in the DMZ as well as a rifle company, an 82nd airborne battalion at Fort Bragg, NC, and in Vietnam. Later, he commanded the 8th Division mechanized brigade in Germany and served as Assistant Division Commander of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii. Other assignments included ROTC duty at The Citadel in Charleston, SC, and Assistant Army Attaché at the American Embassy in Paris, France, and as a staff officer in the Personnel Directorate of the Army Staff in the Pentagon. In the 1970s he served as the Defense Attaché at the

American Embassy in Laos where he and Mary assisted in the evacuation of U. S. citizens ahead of the fall of the government to the Communists. His last career assignment was as Defense Attaché at the American Embassy in Paris. During his career, he was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, The Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, the French National Order of Merit and other decorations. He also graduated from The Infantry School, Parachute School, Ranger Training, The Army Command and General Staff College and The Army War College. While at the War College he enrolled in Shippensburg University and earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

Ros retired from the Army in 1980 as a Brigadier General, and he and Mary moved to Sarasota where they lived on Bird Key. He enjoyed sailing his 27 foot sailboat moored at the Bird Key Yacht Club in Sarasota Bay and in nearby Gulf waters. Ros served on the Board at the yacht club as Treasurer and as Rear Commodore. After he retired, he worked at the New College Foundation, and served as the President of the Bird Key Homeowner's Association, the Retired Officer's Club, and the Kiwanis Club where he was committed to developing The Pines of Sarasota Senior Care Community. He was also active in the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs, Sarasota French Club, the Friends of The Selby Public Library, and Meals on Wheels.

At home Ros enjoyed his home, pool, and his many orchids. He also greatly enjoyed his children and grandchildren. Ros was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Mary, and his son, Ross. He is survived by his daughters Mrs. Frances Kearns (Tom) of Boise, ID, and Dr. Julie Grady (Carl) of Jonesboro, AR; daughter-in-law Dr. Cindy Caldwell of Benton City, WA; five grandchildren: Tom, Cullen, Michael, Sara, Bill; and two great-grand children: Billy and Bo.

Graveside services will be held during summer 2018 at Arlington National

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of BG. (Ret).  
Roswell E. Round, Jr, to the 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors fund at  
[www.82ndairborneassociation.org/donate.html](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/donate.html)

Ros was a gentleman of great character, an authentic leader tempered with a terrific sense of humor and uncritical demeanor who attracted adults and children and inspired them to be more than they thought was possible. He will be with family and friends every day for the rest of their lives.

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ General and Mrs Round were good friends of my parents in Sarasota. General Round and my father were West Point classmates and served as Assistant Division Commanders in the 25th Infantry Division together. My parents had the highest regards for the Rounds and until the later years, enjoyed visiting with them. The Rounds will always be remembered with deep affection in our family.

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**LtCol (ret) Ed Kennedy, Jr** - February 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ My commander DMZ POLICE KOREA we had been keeping in touch by email



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**Robert Adams** - January 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Condolences from the Jackley family, your dad was a great man and such a good friend along with your mom to my parents and family for over 60 years. May Larry and Ros have many great conversations in eternity.

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**Jill Guess** - December 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ It was a distinct honor, and pleasure to have had the, once in a lifetime experience to have met such a special person as General Round. He was a man motivated by love of his family, country, truth, and honor. Such an incredible man makes the rounds only once during this generation, and by a very fortunate stroke of luck I had the honor of a lifetime to meet him, and call him a FRIEND! My profoundest sympathies to his entire family, including his wonderful daughters Fran, and Julie, your family has lost a very precious gem. His memory will sparkle eternally. . &❤️

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**Michael K. McRoyan, D.D.S.** - December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ I am very sorry to hear about uncle Roswell passing. Hope you're family is doing well and God bless.

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**Alvin Round Jr** - December 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Deepest sympathies to the family. I know Mike enjoyed "The General" at FOH, so glad he was able to know such a wonderful man of honor, and I was blessed to have met him too.

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**Christine McRoyan-Gruters** - December 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM