



## Arthur T. Carey

August 1, 1935 - April 4, 2021

Ret. Col. Arthur T. Carey, age 85 of Jonesboro passed away April 4, 2021. He was a member of St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church. Art graduated from West Point Military Academy, became an Army Airborne Ranger, and proudly served his country for over thirty years. Decorated for his work, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with First and Second Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Unit Citation, the Air Medal with Six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, and the General Staff Badge. During his service he also earned a Master's Degree in Military History from Scranton University in Pennsylvania. In retirement he continued his legacy of service in several ways. He helped fellow retirees and active military personnel as the president of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)-Atlanta Chapter. He successfully lobbied for changes reducing educational challenges affecting the children of military families. He encouraged a love of history by serving as president of the Civil War Round Table and volunteering at Stately Oaks Plantation, the inspiration for the novel *Gone with the Wind*, dramatically bringing history to life dressed as a Union colonel. When not serving others, he traveled with his beloved wife and sailed on Lake Lanier-an odd pastime for an old soldier who always proclaimed "Go Army, Beat Navy" at every opportunity. Art was preceded in death by his wife: Alice M. Carey. He is survived by his children: Arthur "Tom" (Tammy) Carey of Booneville, MS., Victoria Catherine Perrett of Savannah and Cynthia Ann

(Robin) Owens of Greer, S.C., grandchildren: Lois Lucinda (Timothy) Robinson, Jade (Braden) Willis, John Michael (Lenzi) Carey and Jasmine (Lucas) Krull and 14 great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 at St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church with Father John Koziol officiating. Interment Services will be at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA at 11 a.m. THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021. The family will receive friends 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at the funeral home. Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to: Stately Oaks Plantation, 100 Carriage Lane, Jonesboro, GA 30236 or St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, 591 Flint River Road, Jonesboro, GA, 30238.