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OLIVER E. TRECHTER, JR. was born in Buffalo, NY on July 10, 1923, to parents Oliver E. Trechter, a career U.S. Army officer, and Virginia Brenizer Patton, a gentle Virginian lady. He died on May 26, 2016 at the age of 92. In their many moves and travels, his parents saw that he had a full life growing up. He is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn, four children, Sherry Trechter, Tom Trechter, Pamela Dickerson Nagel and husband, John, Paula Dickerson Frazier and husband Paul, and four grandchildren, Iris Lowery, Jack Nagel, Michael Nagel, Stephen Frazier and wife, Chelsea, one great-grandchild, Kinleigh Emmaline Frazier, one sister, Peggy Griffiths. His greatest desire was to attend West Point and follow his father's footsteps. Not being able to do this because of his eyesight, became his greatest disappointment. He was 17, and a Life-ranked Boy Scout when WWII came along. Starting college in 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1942 and was called to serve in June 1943. After volunteering for "hazardous duty behind lines in Southeast Asia", he was detached from the Army to train and serve in Burma with the Office of Strategic Services until the end of WWII. He received the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for Meritorious service in combat. Because of injury (loss of sight in his right eye) during the war, he was honorably discharged from military service in 1946. After the war he served one year in military government in Kokura, Japan. Deciding he should finish his education, he returned to college and graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1951. He worked throughout the U.S. oilfields for 34 years from rough-necking to Western Area General Manager for the Oilwell Division of United States Steel Corporation. He retired August, 1986 and married Carolyn in October, 1986, living in Dallas, TX until moving to Tampa, FL in 2013, where he enjoyed sitting on the patio of their condo and watching the golfers, which is how he "exercised". His interests became traveling, staying in touch with children and grandchildren and



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a program especially close to his heart, “Project Old Soldier”. POS is a crop substitution program (corn for the opium poppy), which is helping the same people (Kachins) O.S.S. fought with in Northern Burma during the war. He was active in Boy Scouts, the American Petroleum Institute, Society of Petroleum Engineers, NOMADS, and The Addison Rotary Club. He was also a member of Dallas’ own Happy Warriors, The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Association of the U.S. Army, Special Forces Association (U.S.), and Special Forces Club in London. He was a member of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas. A memorial service will be held at 1 PM on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 followed by a reception at Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church, 2902 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa, FL 33618. Online condolences may be shared at www.bozaroel.com.



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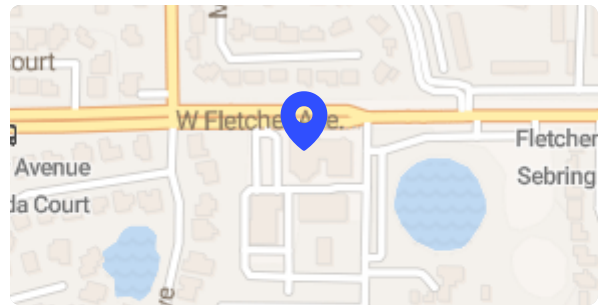
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Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, June 8, 2016

 1:00 PM ET

 **Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church**
2902 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa FL 33618





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FP

Fran Powell posted:

Dearest Carolyn: Our love and condolences to you and the rest of the family. Joe and I so enjoyed being your neighbour in Oaks North in Addison, and as you lived across the street we got to know you and Trech. He will be sorely missed by many people. It is, simply, a privilege to have known him; always the perfect old soldier and gentleman. The world is a better place because of him and his service to his country. Thank you for sharing him with us and God Bless. Fran XXX

June 7 at 11:06 PM

JC

Jay Cotaya posted:

Trech hired me out of college, trained me and gave me the first few assignments in my career. He was my greatest supporter. His enthusiasm for work, and life outside the job was contagious. Trech constantly reminded me to stop and smell the roses. He always provided the tools and advice to make sure I succeeded. I remember him for his love of all things outdoors - the beach, the mountains, and especially his trips to Alaska after he transferred Melinda and me up there. It was probably no coincidence that Trech was in town for the birth of our first child, Sarah. Trech was the first "civilian" to hold Sarah as both our families were back in the lower 48. Trech made sure, as a proud Grandpa, that everything was in order before he left town. Many years later, after Trech had retired, I was in the Singapore airport, departing after a week of meetings. I bumped into Trech - he was between flights, headed to "Burma" to assist the locals grow food crops. He was so excited to be going there, even though it was not his first trip back. I also remember that Trech always had a camera, taking photos of everyone and everything in sight. I have dozens of photos which Trech gave me - and I don't believe a single shot has Trech in it. That was Trech, behind the camera. Carolyn, it would be entirely appropriate that a camera is placed with Trech when he is laid to rest, and I am so sorry for your loss. I know that Trech served his country proudly and took care of his co-workers, friends, and his family. He will certainly be missed. Jay Cotaya

June 7 at 7:19 PM

RA

Raj posted:

Trech, you will be sorely missed. I always enjoyed your company at the Addison Rotary Club and am privileged to have gotten the opportunity to spend time with you. Your service to our nation and to your community is simply the finest example of an American and a Rotarian. Trech certainly always taught me the importance of service above self. Trech we will miss you and I offer my sincere condolences to your family. Raj

June 3 at 10:27 AM



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Ed Adams posted:

Trech, as he was known to us at Oilwell, was one of the finest gentlemen I have met in my lifetime. I met Trech while we both worked for Oilwell in the 1980's when he was running the Western Area. He was well respected then and, I am certain, now. The world was graced by his time here. Ed Adams

June 3 at 6:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Trechter family.



June 2 at 6:56 AM



George Migliore posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza & Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

May 30 at 5:55 AM



Mary Hart June 4 at 1:45 PM

Carolyn, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. We know when that time is coming but we still don't want to give them up. Only God and time will heal your sorrow. Thinking of you, Mary Alice Hart



Jennie Grudnosky June 3 at 8:54 AM

Carolyn, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our sincerest condolences to you and your family. The Grudnosky family (jennie and nick)



Harriet Mellow June 3 at 5:17 AM

Carolyn, Trech was a great guy and you both were lucky to have found each other and been able to spend so many years together. My sincerest condolences to you.



Elaine L. Stupp June 2 at 3:04 AM

Carolyn, In your very sad hours of grief, please know that I am one of your bridge buddies, grieving with you! Elaine Stupp



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Oliver by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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