



Franklin Tucker

December 31, 1969 - January 10, 2011

Obituary of Franklin Tucker Franklin (Bud) Tucker, a retired employee of the National Security Agency with over 40 years of service, passed away on January 10, 2011 of a heart ailment at Ocala Regional Medical Center. He was 87 years old. Bud was born in Albany, NY, and after serving in the Air Force, attended and graduated from Syracuse University. At Syracuse, Bud was the sports editor of the Daily Orange, while majoring in journalism and history, passions that he maintained throughout his lifetime. After graduation, he started a journalism career, working for daily newspapers including the Kingsport, TN Daily News and the Syracuse, NY Herald Journal. Mr Tucker was also a part- time reporter for the Associated Press, primarily covering sports such as baseball and basketball. In the early 1950s, Mr. Tucker moved to the Washington, DC metro area, and accepted a position with the newly created National Security Agency in 1952. Bud was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalism fraternity while in Syracuse, was an ardent reader, trivia "buff", and liked to travel. His survivors include his wife Mary Lou Tucker of Ocala, FL, and son Daniel Tucker of Arlington, VA. Visitation with the family will be from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chapel West, 6241 SW St Rd 200, Ocala, FL. Following the visitation, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association at P. O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692. Phone (800) 242-8721. Online Donations: <https://donate.americanheart.org>.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dan, My condolences to you. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Tunde*

Tunde - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Mary Lou, We are keeping you & Danny in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jenifer & Benji Cole - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dan - my condolences to you and your family from your Booz Allen friends in Houston. You continue to be in our thought and prayers.*

Tony Zertuche - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dan, So sorry for your loss. It sounds like your Dad was a real neat person. I can see where you got your love of sports and spirit of service. I hope your memories will bring you comfort. With deepest sympathy, Debbie*

Debbie McCoy - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM