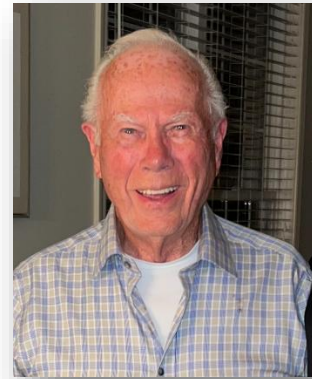


Arthur Blake Drinkwater, age 89, of Hernando, FL and Marlton, NJ, passed away suddenly on February 28, 2025. Arthur was born on August 12, 1935, in Philadelphia, PA to Stanley and Madeline (Blake) Drinkwater. Arthur was a Winter Resident of Florida since 2013, an Engineer for the Railroad, a Self-Employed Contractor, a U.S. Navy Veteran and V.F.W. member.



Art was an avid aviator and was certificated in Nov 1981 for his private pilot certificate with additional ratings as a single engine land, multi engine land and instrument rated pilot. He loved flying his plane (4386Tango), spending time with his family, special dinners, Sunday football, Wheel of Fortune, casino trips, fishing and supporting wildlife.

Survived by his loving wife of 64 years MaryAnn Drinkwater; loving dad of three children, Gary Drinkwater, Denise Drinkwater-Graff, Karen (Charles) Drinkwater-Thompson; Predeceased by his siblings, Frances Farlow-Thoms, Florence Adams, and Stanley, survived by his sister, Mildred Cathers; PopPop of five grandchildren Stephanie (Kenny) Jacoby, Brittanie (Brian) Scott, Maddie Graff, Austin Thompson, and Aidan Thompson; GGP of three great grandchildren, Keaton Scott, Gabriel Scott, Emelia Scott. Survived and loved by many sisters and brothers in law, nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers and to celebrate Art's life, donations can be made to any wildlife program or animal shelter of your choice.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL. Military Honors will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday March 6, 2025, followed by a memorial service at the Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL with the All County Honor Guard and Father Kenneth Malley from St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto, FL.