

Karl Victor Haendle, COL, USA (retired)

MURRELLS INLET | Colonel Karl Victor Haendle, US Army (retired), of Wachesaw Plantation died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004. He was born on April 13, 1930 in Syracuse, N.Y. Preceding Vic in death were his parents, Karl and Aldah Day Haendle, and one brother, Martin Day Haendle.

Vic was a 1954 graduate of The Citadel and was commissioned 2nd Lt (Artillery) that year. He completed graduate level courses from University of Utah, and during his Army Career he attended several military schools and courses, including basic and advanced artillery school, airborne training, and The Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. His active duty assignments included many stateside and overseas postings including Germany, Korea, and a NATO assignment in the Netherlands. Additionally he served in combat assignments in the Dominican Republic and in Vietnam. In Vietnam he was Commander of the US Army Special Security Group during the Tet offensive. In Korea he served as a Liaison Officer to the Republic of Korea Intelligence Agency, and Commander, Taegu Field Office. His later assignments included command of the Southeast Region of the Defense Intelligence Service in Atlanta, and Senior Army staff duties at the Pentagon. His last active duty assignment was as Assistant Deputy Director for Counterintelligence and Security at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Vic's personal decorations include, The Defense Superior Service Medal; The Bronze Star Meritorious Service Medal; The Joint Services Commendation Medal; The Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; and The Presidential Unit Citation.

Upon Vic's Military retirement, he was Security Manager for Federal Systems Group for Lockheed Corporation (formerly Sanders Associates) in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Colonel Haendle is survived by his wife of 50 years, Helen Wainner Haendle, and a son, Steven Haendle of Socastee; a daughter, Karen Haendle Coe of Ft. Worth, TX; three grandchildren, Brandi, Christine and Elise Haendle. He also has several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at Belin United Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9. Burial will follow later with Military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Vic was an active member of Wachesaw Plantation and Murrells Inlet community affairs and a Georgetown County Election Commissioner until his illness.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. North, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577 or Belin United Methodist Church, PO Box 528, Murrells Inlet, S.C. 29576.