



Alvera Hamlyn

February 4, 1923 - December 9, 2021

Lieutenant Colonel Alvera Hamlyn AMSC-PT of Kankakee passed away Thursday, December 9, 2021. She was born February 4, 1923 in Dwight, the daughter of Edgar & Bessie (Kime) Hamlyn.

Alvera received her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and completed the Army Physical Therapy course at Percy Jones General Hospital. In 1957, she received her master's degree in Physical Therapy from New York University

She was assigned to the Philippine Scout Hospital in Manila when the islands were granted their independence in July of 1946. She returned to the Far East 1950-1953 when she was assigned to the 343rd General Hospital in Japan and was later transferred to Tokyo Army Hospital where most of the United Nations Troops were treated.

Alvera then went to Walter Reed Army Hospital where she supervised the clinic of Army Physical Therapy students. After New York University, she was assigned to the Medical Personal Procurement at the 2nd Army where she visited many of the colleges that offered courses that qualified them for the Army programs. After a brief time at Fort Hood, Texas, as Chief Physical Therapy Section, she was sent to the Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii in the same role as well as ending her career at Madigan Army Hospital.

Upon her retirement from the Army in 1968, she was awarded "The Legion of Merit" for exceptionally meritorious performance as Chief Physical Therapist at Tripler Army Hospital (1962-1965) and Madigan Army Hospital (1965-

1968).

Alvera retired to San Antonio, Texas where she enjoyed family visits, golf, tennis, and dinner parties with other military retirees when she wasn't traveling the world with other friends and family.

In 2006, she moved back to Illinois to be near family. She resided at Riverside Senior Life Facilities and remained active in the area. The influence and impact her life had on family was truly a blessing and we look forward to a joyful reunion in Heaven.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Vernon (Swede) & Betty Hamlyn of Bourbonnais; one sister and brother-in-law, Pamela & Gary Blanchette of AZ; seven nephews; two nieces; and several great nieces and great nephews. Alvera was preceded in death by her parents; one brother & sister-in-law, Edgar A. & Alice Hamlyn; and infant brother, Charles Hamlyn.

Cremation rites have been accorded. As per her wishes, no services will be held.

Memorials may be made to the BBCHS Best Buddies Club.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Tribute Wall

JV

“ I work at Riverside Senior Life and Alvera has been a huge part of my life for almost 4 years! I am going to miss her so much! This year her and I have made a necklace together, which she just raved about all the time, we (just her and I) have gone and sat by the pond together! We have had talks and I learned so much about this wonderful lady in these last four years! So honored to have met and been a part of her life! She will be truly missed by me and others!!! I love you to the moon and back Alvera!!! I always will!!!!

Jessica Vick - December 12, 2021 at 01:36 AM

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“ I met Alvera a little over 7 years ago when Riverside Senior Life facilities added a pool and I was the instructor Alvera was one of the first residence to show up to my class. She was very enthusiastic about the class and knew the benefits of the water especially since she was a past physical therapist. She also told me about her macular degeneration which also runs in my family we became best friends and I helped her out several times when she couldn't find things or if I was going to the store and could I pick up her special brand of coffee. I taught the class for 5 years and she was a constant participant. Towards the end of my 5 years she was showing up at my land chair class because getting dressed and undressed for the pool was becoming too much. Since I have retired from teaching several of my participants have passed on I was sorry to see that Alvera is now gone she certainly was a favorite of mine.
Nancy Zoller-Pansa

Nancy Zoller -Pansa - December 11, 2021 at 11:01 PM

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“ I certainly was glad to know Alvera, she was a joy to know. I loved her telling about her life. She was a great bridge player. She wasn't able to see the cards very well, but could remember what cards were where. I was so glad we could be in the bridge group with her. So happy to have known her. She was a great lady. *Thelma Webber*

Thelma Webber - December 11, 2021 at 08:17 PM

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“ I will always remember when I stayed with her in San Antonio while I evacuated from my first hurricane, hurricane Gilbert, in 1988. She took me touring the missions and historic sites in San Antonio. I learned a lot about Texas history and hurricanes! What a kind, generous and intelligent person. Hugs and sympathy to her family.

Michele (Perzee) Torres - December 11, 2021 at 05:53 PM

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“ Ashley Bunnell lit a candle in memory of Alvera Hamlyn



Ashley Bunnell - December 11, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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“ Thank you for your service.

David Marcotte - December 11, 2021 at 08:33 AM