Donald Charles Dertien

September 9, 1936 – September 10, 2017



Donald C. Dertien was born in Kearney, Nebraska. He was an honor graduate from dental school, and did an internship at the Army Medical Center in Ft. Benning and served in the Air Force for 26+ years. He was first stationed at Crougton AFB in England. He travelled all over Europe and Ireland.

His residency was in Myrtle Beach, South
Carolina and another residency for
Prosthodontics at Houston and San Antonio,
Texas. His first Prosthodontic assignment
was at Wright Patterson AFB, and then to
Colorado Springs at the USAF Academy
cadet area. He continued his service in

Yokota, Japan and Edwards AFB in California. He retired from the Air Force and began private practice in Colorado Springs for 28 years before retirement.

He was proud of his Dutch heritage. But most of all, Donald cherished his family. His hobby was collecting a variety of antique assortments. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles Jan Dertien and Florence Hilda Voetberg Dertien. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Helen (Dee) Dertien; son, Craig Dertien and Kimberly Sullivan, son Evan Dertien and his wife, Erika; daughter, Sarah Knudsen and her husband, Kevin; Cheyenne Watson and her husband, Scott; brother Marvin Dertien and his wife Jacklyn; grandchildren, Miranda, Reanna, Skye, Kael, Kolby, Kennedy, Chloe, Carly, Charlotte, Grace, McCarthy and other great-grandchildren, nieces, cousins, and friends.