

## OBITUARIES

## Rear Admiral James Deitz Dies In Car Accident

James Stratton Deitz Sr., 72, a retired Navy rear admiral who served in the Pacific in World War II and later commanded several naval supply centers, was killed Aug. 18 in a traffic accident near Leesburg.

A spokesman for the Virginia State Police said the car driven by Adm. Deitz was struck in the side after he failed to halt at a stop sign.

Adm. Deitz, who lived in Leesburg, was born in Washington and graduated from Eastern High School. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1933. During World War II, he was captain of the battle cruiser Alaska in the Pacific. During the Korean war, he commanded the Yokosuka naval supply center in Japan.

He was promoted to rear admiral in 1958, then commanded the Naval Finance Center in Cleveland. His later assignments included commands at naval supply centers in Philadelphia, Richmond and Norfolk. He retired in 1968 and moved to Leesburg.

His decorations included the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

Adm. Deitz was a former member of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. He was also a volunteer with the American Red Cross and a member of the Loudoun County Preservation Society and the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie Goodhart Deitz, of Leesburg; two daughters, Johanna Katzenelson of Haifa, Israel, and Margaret Deitz of Leesburg; a son, James S. Jr., of San Diego, Calif., and five grandchildren.



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