



## Bess Durham

July 3, 1941 - May 18, 2009

Burke, VA- Bess Durham Lee, 67, of Burke, VA, died May 18, 2009 at a Fairfax, VA hospital. She was born July 3, 1941 in Mercer County to Riley and Mary Johnson Durham. She was educated in Mercer County Schools, and pursued her education world wide while traveling with her husband-now retired, Major Robert E. Lee and her Air Force family. She was a driving force in Republican politics in Northern VA. She dedicated her life to God and to the country she fervently loved. She was a prolific volunteer and worked diligently serving those less fortunate. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Robert E. Lee, II, four brothers and one sister. In addition to her husband, survivors include daughters, Special Agent Constance Doum and husband Christopher of Burke, VA and Christine Goudreau and her husband Ernie of Johnson City, TN; one son, Major Richard Lee and his wife Mary of Wichita, KS; sister, Betty Durham Graham of Princeton, WV; and sister-in-law, Nadine Durham of Princeton, WV; six grandchild and one great-grandson. A visitation will be held Thursday evening, May 21st at Everly Funeral Home in Fairfax, VA. A memorial service will be held on July 29, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Fort Myer Chapel, Arlington, VA, followed by burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bess Durham*

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