

Charles W. “Chuck” Carroll



“Helen Marie.”

SFC Chuck Carroll was the Platoon Sergeant of the 2nd Platoon, 101st RRC, in 1970, having transferred from the HQ Platoon.

Chuck respected the men in the platoon, and they respected him. The few times that one or more of us got out of bounds, Chuck dealt with it in no uncertain terms but kept the matter low key.

It was at Chuck’s prodding that the platoon built a boat and trailer for weekend excursions in the South China Sea, and the boat was named for his wife, the

In Chuck’s later years, he was stricken with Alzheimer’s, which led to his demise in 2024.

Charles W. Carroll Obituary

Mr. Carroll passed away at 6:52 p.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at Willow Care Nursing Home.

He was born to John and Roxie Carroll on April 27, 1931 in Willow Springs, Missouri. Chuck joined the United States Army in 1948 and served his country until 1951. In 1956, he re-enlisted in the Army. On June 22, 1957, he married Helen Marie Smith. She soon joined him at his duty station in Wahiawa, Hawaii. They shared 67 wonderful years of marriage together, and were blessed with one son, Steven Robert “Steve” Carroll. Chuck proudly served his country for a total of 21 years, retiring in 1974 as First Sergeant. During this time, he served in East Africa, Vietnam, and the German occupation. He also served over 15 years in the prestigious United States Army Security Agency, and he was awarded numerous medals. He was an active member of the American Legion until his health declined. Chuck and his family moved back to Willow Springs after he retired and farmed for a while in Burnham. He was also the owner and Broker of the Show-Me Land Company real estate office in Willow Springs for 20 years. His favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing, and camping at Norfolk Lake. He truly enjoyed family reunions and teaching the younger generation how to water ski and perfectly roast marshmallows. Chuck was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Willow Springs. In his younger years, he served on church committees, was a Sunday School teacher and drove a van to pick up children for Sunday School.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Steve, one grandson, Devin Carroll, one granddaughter, Sara Carroll, one sister, Neta Owens, three brothers, David Carroll, Clifford Carroll and Richard Carroll.

He is survived by his loving wife, Helen Carroll; one grandson, Steven Robert Carroll II and his wife, Jordan; three great-granddaughters, Julianna, Shauna, and Stephanie; one great-grandson Stevie; two sisters, Shirley Custer and Helen Hoffman; one brother John "Wendell" Carroll; sister-in-law, Maggie Carroll; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.