

## George Forsberg



George arrived in Vietnam and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, 101<sup>st</sup> RRC, in 1970. His arrival had been delayed by a week because his orders failed to recognize that he was not quite 18 years old. While stationed in Nha Trang, he received a reminder from his local draft board that he needed to register for the draft in case they needed him.

Early in 1971, he transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, where he finished his tour.

After returning stateside, George left the ASA for the dark side, from which he ultimately retired as a CSM.

Exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam left him with ischemic heart disease, and he spent the last few months of his life in intensive care.

## George Forsberg Obituary

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George Forsberg, a uniquely wonderful human being passed from this earth on October 25, 2023. George helped someone find a smile or a laugh almost every day of his life. He loved music, would often be heard singing his favorites and was known for "rewiring" the lyrics in fun. George retired as a Sgt. Major from a twenty-five-year career in the Army, having joined at seventeen. He finished his Army career at the Sergeants Major Academy training others for leadership positions. Since his Army years, he served as administrator of the vascular surgery department of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, a teaching hospital in New Hampshire. He then was a consultant supporting their computer needs. An avid fisherman his whole life, he then opened a bait & tackle shop in Narragansett, Rhode Island where he also maintained the St. Francis Fleet's fishing rods and made custom rods for other avid fishermen. A good friend from his Army years needed an important position filled for his Bull Shoals business which first

brought George to Arkansas. Following that, George worked as the local Workforce Veteran's Rep, helping veterans find local employment with local businesses.

After marrying Debi (Kaye-Kelley) Forsberg ten years ago, George and Debi had a vision, which became a plan, which became a legacy. They created a small farm and orchard. George established an egg and canned goods business, and they built a new retirement home on a small acreage in Buford. Unfortunately, most of the last six months of his life George spent in hospitals. Even there he made friends among the many wonderful nurses, CNAs and therapists with his upbeat and determined attitude towards healing. George was resolved still to celebrate his tenth wedding anniversary with Debi. To that end, he enlisted a dear family friend to do the shopping and set up a romantic dinner for two in his ICU room, complete with table linens, LED candlelight and a meal from Fujiyama Restaurant, a favorite of both he and Debi. George is survived by six sisters, Laurie, Sandra, Claire, Tamarie, Penny and Gail; one son, Tom Forsberg; one daughter, Thedra Lane; two granddaughters, Anna and Marissa and one grandson, Mason. George's parents, George and Julia and two brothers, Jeff and Greg predeceased him.