



Joseph Neal Burdick

July 10, 1947 - July 4, 2014

JOSEPH N. BURDICK Joseph Neal Burdick, 66, of Vancouver, WA. died suddenly on Independence Day of 2014. He was born July 10, 1947 to the late Ralph and Natalie Burdick in Ephrata, WA. (Joe) was raised in the east Vancouver area of Orchards, WA where he attended the Evergreen district schools. He left school before graduation to enlist in the army. He served our country during the Vietnam War by fighting with the Bobcats of the 25th Division of the 5th Infantry where he was decorated many times. Later, Joe was so active in maintaining communications with former service comrades that in 2012, he received the "Bobcat of the Year" award from the Fifth Infantry. And in 2013 he received recognition from the Secretary of the Army in a special ceremony, held in San Francisco, CA., and he is now a distinguished member of the regiment. On June 4, 1971, he married Linda Ellenwood and they were blessed with twins, Tami and Joey. He was proud to receive his high school graduation diploma from the Battle Ground school district in 2009 during a special presentation for military veterans. Joe spent his entire civilian life in the Clark County area where he worked at ALCOA, VANALCO, and finally Frito Lay. Joe thoroughly enjoyed life through loving his wife, children, grand children and great-grand children. He was more than mechanically inclined. Joe could fix anything. He enjoyed trips to his property in the Long Beach peninsula, ocean cruise ship journeys, many cross-country road trips to reunions with his fellow Bobcats. He loved to drive his renewed '62 Impala SS to cruises and once even to a military reunion in Deadwood

S.D. Bible Study groups continually renewed and reinforced his Christian beliefs. He brought many smiles, handshakes, remembrances and even tears of joy and lots of smiling conversations when he would hand out P-38's to anyone he spotted that was wearing an indicator of military service to our United States of America. Joseph Burdick is survived by his wife Linda, children Robert, Michael, Tami and Joey, as well as siblings Ralph (Suzanne), Mike (Nancy), and Sue (Randy Weich). A memorial service will be held at 12:30 PM, Wed. July 9th at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Home (1101 NE 112th Ave. Vancouver, WA).

Tribute Wall



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:25 PM

SH

“ *Linda and Family, I will not be there to stand up, but if I were, I would offer a quote from General George Patton, who said: "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who have died, Rather we should Thank God that such men lived" That's how I will remember Uncle Joe. Love you all, Steve*

Steve and Cynthia Hale - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Linda and family, A beautiful, moving service. Joe will always be in our hearts and we will particularly remember him and his "firecracker" every 4th. Fondly, Gary and Scarlett*

Gary and Scarlett Hartt - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Linda and family - I have one of his P38s and can still see his very warm smile when he gave it to me. It was, and will continue to be, an honor to have known him and to be a part of his life. I offer my support and sympathy. L. H. Roterling*

Linda H. Roterling - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I am proud to know Joe, and to stand with him at 25th Infantry Division Veteran events. The day I first met him I thought, "Now here is the real deal. A man I can trust to be a complete human being in the highest sense.

Lynn Dalpez - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ As my neighbor, Joe was a man known by all who lived here....his smile warmed your soul and his heart was always open to all who knew him. As a veteran of my era, Vietnam, we often shared thoughts that only vietnam vets knew how to....he was, in short, a true patriot. But above all, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather whose love for his family will be, unfortunately, be greatly missed. The lord will welcome him with open arms and for all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him, he has indeed left some very memorable footprints in our hearts.....may he rest in peace and God Bless!

Ralph Munger - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We are thankful to have known Joe as a friend.He was so nice and kind. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you linda, and your family.
Bob & Blanche

Bob & Blanche Bowyer - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We are thankful to have known Joe as a friend.He was so nice and kind. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you linda, and your family.
Bob & Blanche

Bob & Blanche Bowyer - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM