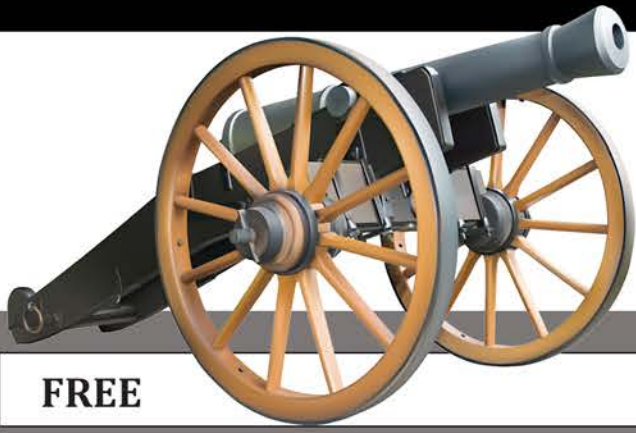


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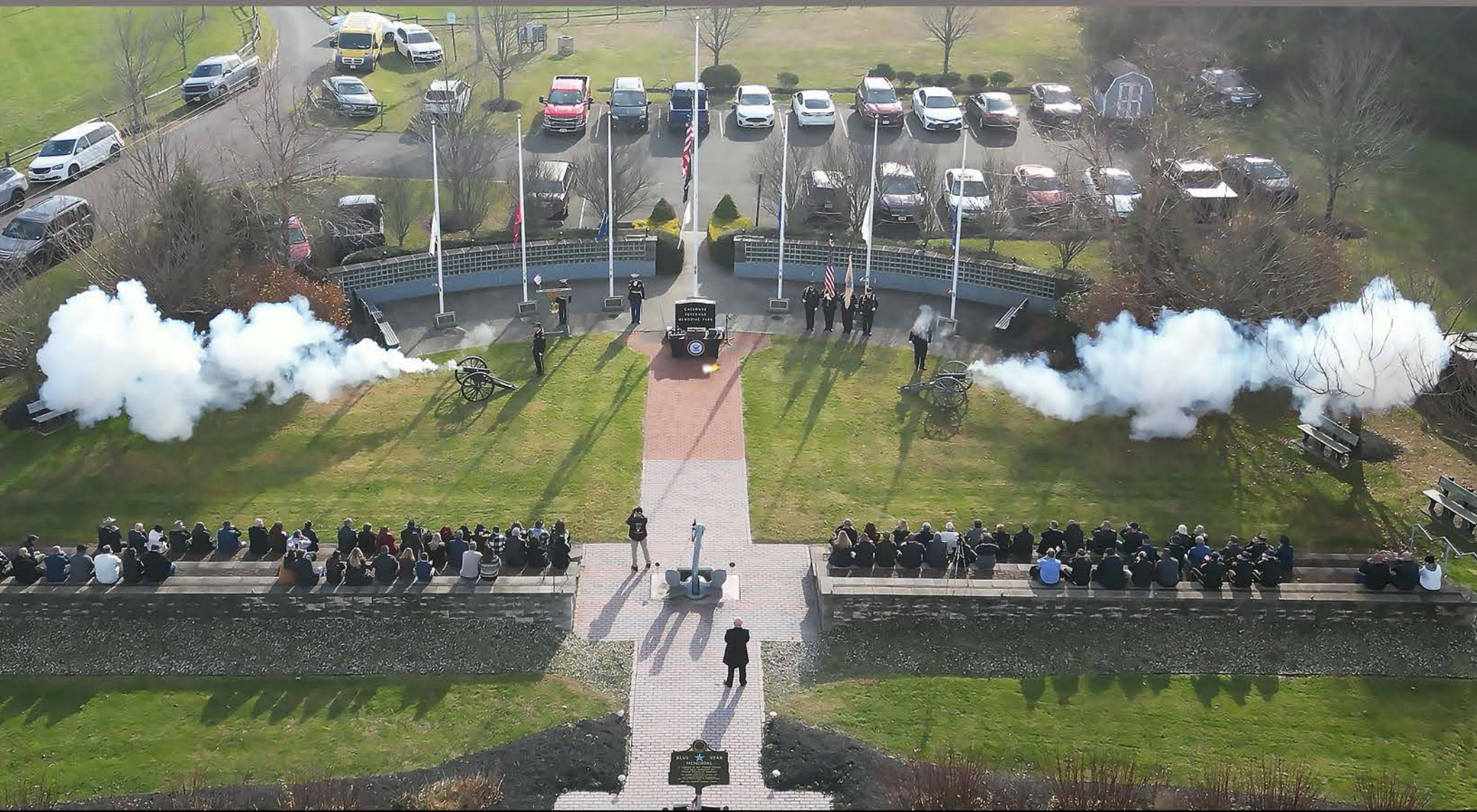


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It is important for veterans to make arrangements prior to their death with family or others so that they understand your final wishes. For example, do you wish to be buried in a Veterans Cemetery? Most often, you can pre-register for a grave at a county or the state's Veterans Cemetery. Simply search online for the cemetery in your county and ask to pre-register. You will need your DD-214 as you do with most services requiring proof of service.

It is absolutely essential for you to have your DD-214 ready and easy to find upon your death. Make sure a family member knows where to find it. We deal with funeral directors and family members constantly who are unable to find this necessary document. It often takes time for a copy to be acquired and may prevent certain services like military honors from being conducted. If you do not know where your DD-214 is, please go to our web-site, www.LastSalute.com and click on "links" and then "DD-214 help". Do this right away so that you have it well in advance.

Once you have your DD-214, show it to the Division of Motor Vehicles and they will put the word "veteran" on your drivers license. This may help as a quick identifier for discounts or other services requiring proof of service.

Most counties will have a residency requirement of a certain period such as a year or more to qualify for a free burial plot. Also, location is an important consideration as family and friends may want to visit your grave. The state cemetery may be a significant drive for many.

You also need to be clear about wanting military honors. Who you would like to conduct them and what level of service. Do you want the cannon? The Caisson for dignified transport? You need to leave a letter or make sure your family knows.

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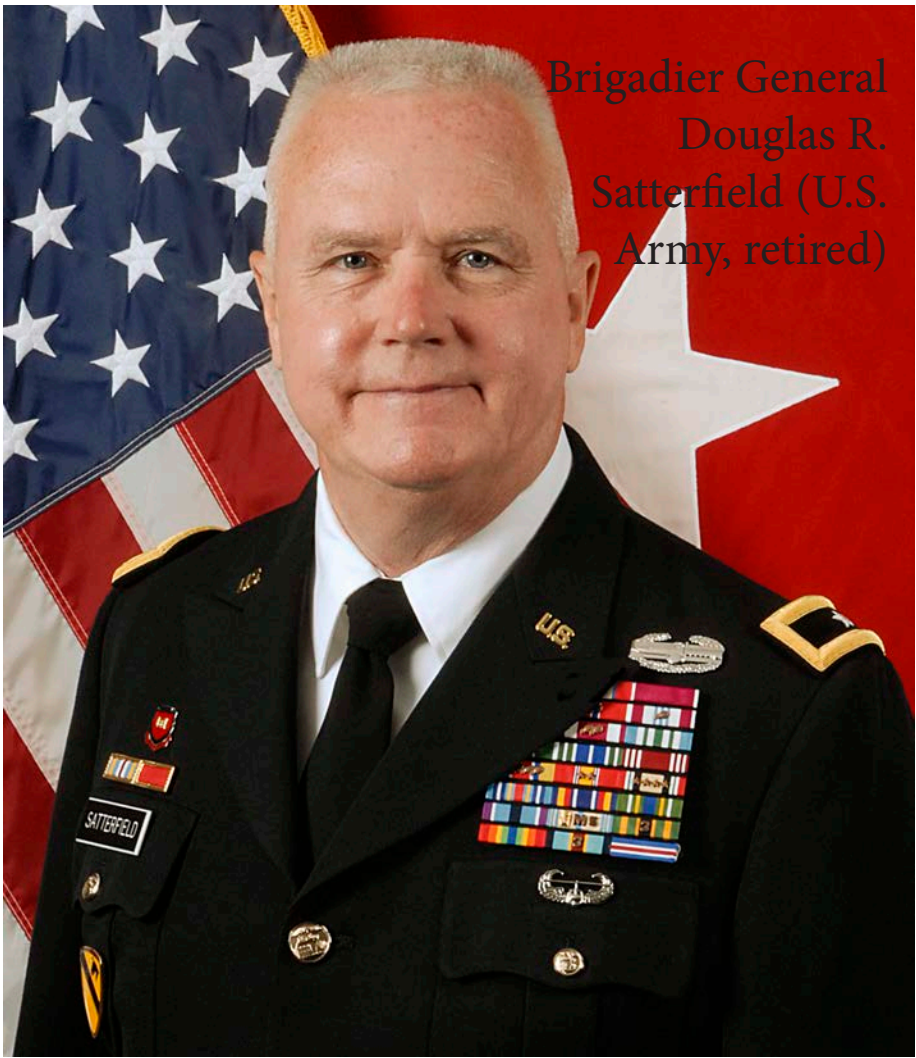
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Rule 7: Keep Your Rifle Clean

by

Brigadier General Douglas R. Satterfield
(U.S. Army, retired)

Keep your rifle clean. Be like the Boy Scouts and be prepared for those unforeseen problems. Life occasionally surprises us, so it is only prudent to be ready. By the time my friends and I joined the U.S. Army, we were ready to be Soldiers (or at least we thought). My neighbor, a dairy farmer, had taught us young teenagers how to keep his cattle clean and why it was necessary. Later, in the Army, Drill Sergeants taught us to clean and maintain our rifles properly. To those NCOs, this was the most important thing to know, along with teaching us that your weapon is your best friend. The farmer and NCOs have much in common because they know hell is coming if you are unprepared. They also trained us to use proper fieldcraft, to wear our helmets correctly (there is a wrong way), proper camouflage techniques, and what to take along in a rucksack (extra ammo, a poncho, a spare pair of socks, a t-shirt, toiletries, and duct tape) – nothing else. Those scruffy Drill Sergeants were combat veterans of the Vietnam War and had the experience and knowledge. They survived that war and wanted to ensure we did not make the same deadly mistakes so many of their friends had made and not returned from combat. Their Soldier lessons were learned the hard way. But they were prepared. The rule is to be prepared and be like the dairy farmer and these Vietnam Veterans. Clean your rifle, wear your helmet, and carry your rucksack properly. That's Rule 7 in the rules for a good life. Be prepared, or else!

Please read Brig. Gen. Satterfield's newest book, "55 Rules for a Good Life" (2022), on Amazon.



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David Carl Sterling, Sr – 96 years – Galloway, NJ passed away at his home surrounded by family on November 30, 2023. Born in Philadelphia PA in 1927 and lived in Fallsington PA until moving to Galloway in 1973. Dave is a World War II veteran, having served in the US Navy aboard the USS Juneau in the Atlantic Theatre. Dave and Mae shared 71 years of marriage and four sons before Mae's passing in August of 2021. Pop was an original outdoorsman. An avid hunter, fisherman, snowmobiler and skier, he loved being outside in all elements, enjoying nature, and anything he could do on a tractor, in the woods or in the snow. This is a trait he and Mae inspired in the whole family by providing access to all the things they loved at the Sterling Mountain House. As the son of an antiques dealer, he loved collecting and knew the value of most anything at a quick glance and his knowledge and recall was amazing until the very end of his 96 years. Dave Sterling, Sr (Pop) along with brother Newton Sterling, Sr, founded Sterling Builders, a family run company known for building custom homes in Atlantic County. Dave is predeceased by his loving wife of 71 years, Mae, parents Fanny Steinberg Sterling and Charles Paul Sterling, brothers Paul Sterling, Sr, Newton Sterling, Sr., Wayne Sterling and daughter-in-law Cheryl Sterling. He is survived by his sister, Lillian Taylor of Fallsington, Pa; Sons David, Jr (Trish), Jeffrey, Keith (Brenda) and Jon, Sr (Debby) Sterling. Seven grandchildren: David, III (Jennifer), Katie (Dave), Sarah Giroud (James), Jenna (Zach) Rittenberry, Jon (Tylar), Andrew and Douglas Sterling, and four great grandchildren, Matthew & Zachary Sterling and James Lawrence IV (Law) & Jacob Giroud. Pop is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.





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Timothy W. Robinson, affectionately known as Tim, a loving husband, father, grandfather, pastor, and veteran, passed away unexpectedly on November 26, 2023, in Mullica Township, New Jersey. Born on March 31, 1962, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Tim devoted his life to his family, his faith, and the service of others. Tim was the definition of a selfless man. He was always there for anyone, no matter the day, the time, or how far away they may have been. His loving and generous nature marked every aspect of his life, from his relationships with loved ones to his dedication to the church and his community. After attending the University of Cincinnati, Tim enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he proudly served for six years aboard the U.S.S. Forrestal as an Electrician's Mate. His dedication and hard work were recognized with several medals during his time of service. After his time in the Navy, Tim continued his career as an Electrician at PSE&G Hope Creek at the Nuclear Power Plant in Hancock's Bridge, NJ. Tim's passion for service did not stop at his career. He studied for Pastoral Ordination with F.L.A.M.E. through The Wesleyan Church and was ordained as a Minister on September 16, 2021. He served as Pastor of New Life Wesleyan Church in Egg Harbor City, NJ, where he was known for his unwavering faith and commitment to leading others to Christ. He served in multiple leadership positions in the church, always demonstrating his unyielding dedication to his faith and community. His generosity extended beyond his congregation. Tim cared deeply for his community, especially the homeless and those in need. He was always ready to lend a hand and made a considerable impact on those he helped. Tim was also an avid NASCAR and dirt track race fan, a hobby that brought him great joy and excitement. Above all else, Tim cherished his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Lynn Robinson, their daughters, Christina and Caitlin along with their husbands Jason Hoffner and Bradley Lehan. He adored his grandchildren Jesse, Zakary, and Liam. He also leaves behind many beloved friends and family members. Tim's love for his family was unmatched, and he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them, whether that be in the comfort of their homes or on one of the many trips and vacations they took together. Tim leaves behind an impressive legacy marked by enduring love, tireless service, and unwavering faith. His absence will undoubtedly be felt by his family, his church, his community, and all of those fortunate enough to have known him. Tim will be remembered as a generous soul, a beacon of light, and a pillar of strength to his loved ones. In his memory, let us strive to emulate Tim's love, selflessness, and generosity. His spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those he touched. Tim's life was a testament to the powerful impact one person can make on the world around them. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide us all. Rest in peace, Timothy W. Robinson. Your love and dedication will never be forgotten.



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Philip Smith passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 23, 2023 at the AtlanticCare Medical Center in Atlantic City, NJ he was 79. Philip was born on August 30, 1944, in Manhattan, New York. He was the fourth of nine children of Alex and Geneva (Coppedge-Acosta) Smith. Philip loved growing up with his large family and often recounted hanging out on Boston Rd. in the Bronx, with his sisters, brother and favorite cousins. Philip had a creative nature and loved to tinker. He was a proficient artist who could draw almost anything from recollection. You could often find him drawing Sci-fi, 'Marvel' comics, crafting, building scale model homes and model trains. His natural talent and a love of the visual arts would later result in a career in sign making. In 1962 Philip joined the United States Army where he took great pride in his military career. He served in Company A in the 22nd Infantry as a Heavy Artillery Infantryman and was deployed to serve in the Korean Demilitarized Zone. He would go on to receive an Honorable Discharge as character of his service. Upon his return to civilian life in New York, Philip met and married Elizabeth Ann Wilson (Smith). Although their union was brief, it resulted in the joyous birth of his eldest daughter Felicia and a lifelong friendship between the two.

Philip would later meet and marry his lifelong love Shirley Mae Ellison (Smith). Philip and Shirley would relocate to North Carolina where his second daughter Alexis was born, and his second career would begin. He began working for Southern Outdoor Advertising and later, Parish Signs. After many years of honing his craft at both firms, Philip was presented with an opportunity to relocate to Atlantic City, NJ. As a result of this opportunity, Philip would go on to establish his own company, Smith Sign Service Inc. As one of the area's few black-owned outdoor advertising companies, Smith Sign Service would continue to garner a wide clientele throughout southern New Jersey, attending to the advertising needs of casinos, hotels and many other retail establishments. While enjoying the success of his growing business, Philip and Shirley would also celebrate the growing of their family in the birth of another daughter, Allison. Philip and his family would later find a home church at Proclaiming his Word/ Crossroads Fellowship where you could occasionally hear he and his wife singing at weddings. Philip was happiest when he was surrounded by family. 'Phil' would turn any occasion into a spontaneous game night. Family game nights would often spark his infamous competitive nature, 'Mookie' as he was affectionately known would rarely concede a loss. Whether it was Monopoly, Uno, Skip-Bo, shooting Pool or Spades, he was known to show no mercy! Be it adult or child, 'Mookie' would never pass up a chance to "whoop a joker" in any game and always seemed to win with his ever changing "house" rules! Philip was a New Yorker through and through, a diehard New York Giants and Yankees fan. In his retirement you could often find him, sitting on the edge of his lazy-boy recliner, dressed in his classic throwback jerseys, screaming at his prized 80-inch television. Besides his family, sports teams and his TV, Philip loved to sing and listen to oldies (Sam Cooke, Eartha Kitt and Teddy Pendergrass were favorites) and if anyone joined in to sing, he'd be sure to ask with a smirk, "what do 'y'all' know about that?" 'Phil' wasn't exactly known for his patience; he had a knack for telling it like it is. He sugar-coated nothing and had an opinion on everything, even if you never asked. He loved to tell his children and grand-children anecdotes of how everything in "the good old days" seemed to always "only cost a dollar". 'Phil' loved a good meal, if he wasn't eating, he was getting ready to eat. He loved to fix things, while most of the time breaking things. He enjoyed all things related to science fiction; his absolute favorite was 'Star Trek'. He also loved watching westerns and would let you know that John Wayne was "one bad dude". Philip kept people rolling in laughter because he could find humor in all of life's situations. He could bring a smile to anyone's face. 'Phil' laughed along with you, often at you and even at himself. He had a great sense of humor and he had many stories to tell and loved to repeat them over and over. Philip was a loving husband, father, step-father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will be missed by the many people who were fortunate to know and love him. Philip is predeceased by his father, Alex Smith, mother, Geneva Smith-Acosta, step-father, Earl "Donald" Acosta, sister, Minnie Robinson, sister Ernestine Smith and brother-in-law Raeford Ellison. Philip leaves to cherish fond memories, his wife of 49 years, Shirley, his daughter, Felicia and son-in-law Pete, his daughter Alexis, his daughter Allison, step-daughter, Rashida, niece, Patrice and son-in-law Wolfgang. His grandchildren, Dasean, Stephon, Shanea, Malekei, K'la and great-grandchildren, Saalike, Saraya and Achilles.

His siblings Betty Fennell (Charlie - decd) of Garnerville, NY; Mattie Stacy (Lionel Sr. - decd) of Fredrick Maryland; Clifford Smith (Genola) of Egg Harbor Township, NJ; Rose Murphy (Jean) of Burlington, NJ; and Doris Lewis (Anthony) of Melbourne, FL. His in-laws, Deloris Dixon (Linell - decd) of Pleasantville, NJ; and Frankie Ellison of Fayetteville, NC. and a host of beloved, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. In Appreciation With earnest gratitude, we would like to thank each of you for the many acts of care shown to us during this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, messages, flowers, acts of sympathy, kindness and other expressions of condolence have been greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. May God bless each of you. The Smith Family



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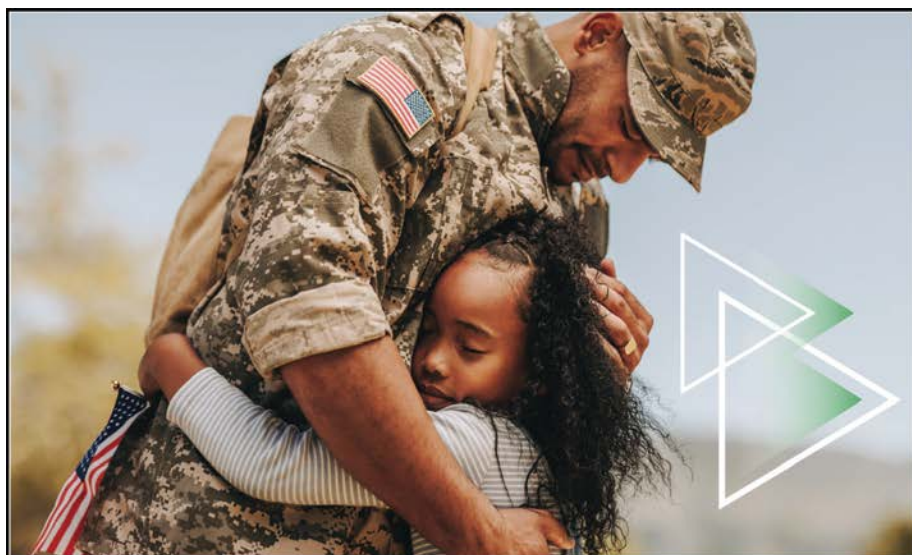
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Scot Ward Griffin passed away on December 8, 2023 after a major cardiac event that occurred in his home. Born February 14, 1971 Scot was the son of Narvin and Jackie (Ward) of Dresden, TN. After graduating high school, Scot became a highly decorated U.S. Air Force Gulf War Veteran who proudly served his country from 1989-1998. It was in the Air Force where Scot met Elizabeth (Dean), his wife of 31 years. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, Scot continued honing his skills as a mechanic. He worked for BMW, Volvo, and finally CarMax. One of his greatest joys was sharing his extensive knowledge of all things mechanical with everyone and anyone who wanted it. However, nothing made Scot happier than being father to Joshua and Amanda. His happiest moments were his times spent as "Pappy" to Joshua and Lauren's (Cancelosi) son, Aidan. Scot was proud of his family, his southern roots, his military service, and his work as a mechanic. Being a big man, Scot had a very commanding and intimidating presence about him. Yet, he was the most gentle "teddy bear" one could ever meet. Scot was a man of his word and you always knew where you stood with him. He was a natural leader, mentor, and role model for many. To make him smile certainly was a challenge, but very rewarding once you did. Scot gave of himself freely and never expected anything in return, often putting everyone else's needs ahead of his own. This loving father and grandfather, dedicated husband, dependable co-worker, trusted confidant, and man who always had your back was taken much too soon and will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.



Ronald F. Maul passed away on November 19, 2023 in Galloway. He lived a life of service and was an incredible husband, father, and friend. While working as an electrician for Wells Fargo and ADT, he was also a proud and active member of the IBEW Local 3. He graduated from Holy Spirit High School in 1966. Later, he served in the U.S. Air Force in the Vietnam War. Ron obtained a degree from Atlantic Community College which prepared him for his career as an electrical worker. He identified as Catholic and attended Catholic mass with his family at Assumption Parish. He is survived by his wife Edith M. Maul; his sister, Lorraine Maul; his daughters, Jeanette Adams and Julie McClure; his sons-in-law, Dean Adams and Joe Terry; one granddaughter, Rose Terry McClure; his dog, Duffy; and a grand pup, Lady.



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It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Don Alan Rinck**, 62, of Vineland, NJ. Don passed away with his loving wife in his arms on Sunday Dec. 3, 2023 at 3:05 AM, after a seven-year long and very courageous battle with early onset Alzheimer's. Don was born in Palmyra, NJ to William and Elizabeth (nee Bogan) Rinck. He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church and served as an acolyte there. He graduated from Cinnaminson High School in 1979. After graduation, when his mother wouldn't let him go to the shore house with his buddies for the summer for fear he'd get in trouble, he decided to go into the US Navy early instead of waiting for fall ("I showed her!" he laughed). There, he excelled. By age 26, he became a chief in the Navy. Just a few short years later, he made senior chief. In 1989, he was awarded the Navy Commendation for his valor in leading his men in dousing a major fire that injured nine sailors aboard the oiler, USS Monongahela. After his twenty-year naval career, Don became a sheriff's officer at the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office in Mays Landing, NJ, where he made many friends and worked for 16.5 years, until illness forced him to retire. Don was kind, generous, quick to forgive, slow to wrath, very protective of those he loved, tried to see the good in all people, loved animals, and loved to laugh. Predeceased by his parents, and his brother-in-law, Richard "Rickster" Carolli, he is survived by his devoted wife of 33 years, Angela (nee Carolipio) Rinck; loving stepson, Mahlon L. Barber, Jr.; cherished grandchildren, K'liedy, Gavin, Angel, Jacob, and their mother Zoed Perez; his sister, Carol Hayner, and her two sons, Chris and Kevin; his brother, Scott Rinck (Mary), and their children Justin and Marissa; sisters-in-law Linda Secor and Carla Comess (Brad); brother-in-law Alan Secor; and many other family members and friends who adored him. Always one to plan ahead, on Aug. 11, 2007, Don wrote this list of things that were important and memorable to him. He wanted it included in his obituary:

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