



Donald N. Vartanian, LTC, U.S. Army, Retired

May 15, 1948 - March 9, 2015

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66, of Indianapolis, passed away March 9, 2015. He was born May 15, 1948 in Ypsilanti, MI, to the late Harold S. and Darrel E. Sutton Vartanian. Don was a 1966 graduate of Bellevue High School, Bellevue, NE. He received his Associate Degree from Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, MI, and his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Eastern Michigan University, where he was a member of the Alumni Association.

Don was a career soldier in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1998, after 26 years of service. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Don was active in the American Volkssport Association, where he was a Past National Officer and in the "Hall of Fame". He was also a member of VFW Post #7119. He was a part of a close circle of friends for over 30 years, lovingly known as the "Yahoo Bandits".

Visitation will be Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd. with funeral services Monday at 11:00 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will be in Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI, Wednesday, March 18, at 1:00 p.m.

Don is survived by his devoted siblings, Jean K. Perry (Philip J.), Douglas P. Vartanian (Jennifer S.) and Susan M. Vartanian (Stephen Bensinger); aunt, Kay Vartanian; niece, Allison R. Vartanian; nephews, Ryan D. Vartanian, David W. Perry and James C. Perry; and five great-nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to the USO, 7800 Col. H. Weir Cook Memorial Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46241 and/or Indiana Volkssport Association, c/o Cliff Terry, 152 Stony Creek Overlook, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Visitation

MAR 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Donald N. Vartanian, LTC, U.S. Army, Retired.



March 18, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ Always smiling and laughing, that's my Cousin Don. We will truly miss you. Our holiday dinners will not be the same without our "Family Photographer" and your laughter. I admire you in so many ways serving your country, walking around the world, devotion to your Aunt, battling cancer and being a fantastic person.

Love Ya

Cousin Cheryl

Cheryl Chuck - March 14, 2015 at 07:18 PM



"Don made everybody's lives better", Greg Littell

aleta littell - March 16, 2015 at 10:22 AM



Will miss visiting, walking the trail, seeing Don's handsome smile and feeling that positive life force. He was a servant to his country, family, and many friends. God bless

aleta littell - March 16, 2015 at 10:24 AM

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To whom it may concern, I am from Chile and I have two very old camera lenses, Nikkor, Nippon Kogaku, which I acquired at a flea market. On the back of the leather cases for these lenses it says: Harold S. Vartanian 1494 Sherwood CT. DEARBORN, MICH. 48124. I would appreciate it if someone could give me some information or history about who they belonged to and why they appeared here in Chile. My email is: shonores.3696@slepuertocordillera.cl. I apologize to the Vartanian family, but this has intrigued me for a long time.

sergio - March 04, 2025 at 10:42 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Chuck lit a candle in memory of Donald N. Vartanian, LTC, U.S. Army, Retired



Cheryl Chuck - March 14, 2015 at 06:56 PM

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“ Kimberly & Yuri Bradley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald N. Vartanian, LTC, U.S. Army, Retired.



Kimberly & Yuri Bradley - March 14, 2015 at 08:32 AM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 13, 2015 at 01:26 PM

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“ I served with Don in Stuttgart Germany at the VII Corps Regional Finance and Accounting Office. Don was a joy to work with. He always had a smile regardless of the "crisis of the day". I remember when he ran the Munich Marathon and he was so pleased to have run an Olympic Marathon course. Our paths never crossed again and I regret that. May he Rest in Peace.

LTC (Ret) Stewart Ridgeway

Stewart Ridgeway - March 12, 2015 at 11:52 PM

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“ ON BEHALF OF THE COMRADES AND SISTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND OUR DEPARTED COMRADE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. SINCERLY VATRANS OF FOEIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA STATE CHAPLAIN KEISTON R.HOLLOWAY

KEISTON R.HOLLOWAY - March 12, 2015 at 01:05 PM