



George "Crazy" Sturm

November 23, 1942 - September 12, 2017

George "Crazy" Sturm 74, of Wolbach died Tuesday, September 12, 2017, while attending a reunion of Vietnam Veterans in Kokomo, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 21st, at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Military honors will be rendered by the United Veterans Honor Guard and the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his daughter, Tiffany, Sturm-Johnson of Lincoln; son and his wife, Jeremy and Amanda Jewett of Genoa; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Ariel, Brooklyn, Audamay, Johnny and Adaline; nephew, Bill Peterson and nieces, Ruth (Greg) Knight and Candice Schultz and 7 great-nieces and 1 great-nephew.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Ruth, Barb and Linda.

George was raised and received his education in Grand Island graduating from GISH in 1960. He served in the U.S. Army from 1964-1970 in the 101 Airborne and 173rd Airborne having received 2 Purple Hearts. He was the first Nebraska serviceman to come home from Vietnam.

He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Purple Heart and Vietnam Veterans Association.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Tribute Wall



“ George "Crazy" Sturm

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ I was on my way home from U.S. Army Reserves AT and picked him up hitchhiking. It blew his mind I was 173rd Abn Vietnam vet. and we had some great conversation. Had to drop him off at Omaha as he was heading to Chicago for a reunion, so I gave him some MRE's to take along. He thought that was cool. He gave me a business card with his name.

Some years later at a 173rd reunion some guys said, "that's the guy who picked up Crazy George!"

Glen Rademacher - December 05, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ To the family of George Strum aka: Crazy George, the brothers and sisters of the Brotherhood send their sincere condolences. R.I.P. you will be missed.

RT Pelton - October 21, 2017 at 12:33 PM

MR

“ We met George in July of 2010. The Vietnam Traveling Wall was in GI. Had a good visit w/ George that afternoon. I realized he was a proud Veteran, also very independent & stubborn. The whole family became friends with George in August of 2010. The annual Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion was being held in Norfolk. After much arguing and persuading he accepted our offer and stayed with us that weekend. As with all Veterans the stories he told were incredible. That Saturday evening my wife Mary served up a spectacular meal. I grilled the steaks to perfection. George was seated at the head of the table, drooling. Mary has a "Special" plate for guests. She brought the covered plate to George. To his surprise under the towel was a MRE. We should have had a camera. God's Peace be with you George.

Mary & Neil Ritz - October 14, 2017 at 10:06 AM

SF

“ George will be really missed by all of us veterans that have known and loved him. I first met George at Firebase Indy many years ago. When he found out I was a veteran, he gave me the biggest hug I've ever had, then he purred. Every time I smell patchouli oil I will always think of George's hugs. RIP my friend. Love you. Sue

Sue Frongillo - September 29, 2017 at 02:54 AM

HA

“ CRAZY GEORGE,WHAT A CHARACTER HE WAS !!!!! I MET HIM WHEN I LIVED IN CAIRO.HE SEEMED SO NUTTY,BUT I REMEMBER HOW SKINNY HE WAS TOO. LATER I MOVED TO G.I., AND MET UP W/ HIM & LEE BURKS,ON 10TH/BROADWELL,THEY WERE PLAYING CHESS AND SMOKING UP THE PLACE W/ JAIME GRIMS TOO. THE OLD GANG . TELL STORIES,TALKING ,DRINKING.BUT I REMEMBER THEM ALL,W/MAX PERRY,AND A FEW,OTHERS TOO. BUT DEAR OLD GEORGE WAS ALWAYS TELLING YOU HOW SUCH & SUCH HAPPENED,ETC. WHEN GEORGE FOUND OUT I COULD GIVE MESSAGES, HE CAME BY FIRST THING IN THE MORNING FOR MY COFFEE AND A WORK OUT . BY THE TIME HE LEFT,MHE WAS FEELIN GREAT. I WILL MISS YOU,MY OLD SMOKING BUDDY. THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR THE SIMPLE TIMES OF SEEING THIS PLACE AFTER THE TORNADO TORE THE TOWN APART & TELLING WHERE EVERYTHING WAS AND THE TIMES YOU STAYED W/ ME AND LEI TOO YOU WILL BE MISSED.



HAWAII - September 24, 2017 at 01:18 PM

PM

“ I didn't know George, I just want to thank him for his service to our country. You should be very proud of him. Sending prayers to all of his family.



Patricia Mattison - September 19, 2017 at 10:55 AM

TJ

Thank you. He was proud to Serve

Tiffany Sturm Johnson - September 19, 2017 at 09:59 PM

JD

“ *JOLENE DIDIER lit a candle in memory of George "Crazy" Sturm*



JOLENE DIDIER - September 19, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JW

“ *On behalf of all Greeley Veterans I would like to express our condolences, George will be dearly missed. Jacqueline L. Wells
Greeley County Veterans Service Officer*

Jacqueline L. Wells - September 19, 2017 at 10:28 AM