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A funeral service for George F. Ridgeway, 69 of Heath will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 18, 2016 in the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home with Pastor Steven D. Osborne officiating. Burial will be in Wilson Cemetery with military honors by the Licking County Veterans Alliance.

Mr. Ridgeway died Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Mt. Carmel East Medical Center, Columbus. He was born May 29, 1946 in Newark to the late George Parker and Dorothy Pauline (Farmer) Ridgeway.

Mr. Ridgeway was an Ohio licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in the area for over 35 years. The past ten years he has been an investigator with the Licking County Coroner's Office. He had also operated Genesis Mortuary Services. Mr. Ridgeway served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era with the 197th Attack Helicopters Unit. He was a 1965 graduate of Newark High School, received an Associate Degree from Franklin University and a 1973 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

Mr. Ridgeway co-founded the local Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #55. He returned to Vietnam in 1989 to aid in the release of the remains of a Licking County Veteran. He was a member of Ft. Industry Lodge #144 F & AM; Ft. Meigs Chapter 29, Royal Arch Masons of Ohio; LaFayette Lyttle Commandery #77, Knights Templar; Toledo Commandery #7, Knights Templar, all of Toledo. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and a former member of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association. Mr. Ridgeway attended Alive Vineyard of Licking County.

He is survived by his wife, Jane M. McCain Ridgeway whom he married April 26, 2003; children, Karen (Richard) Wengert of Newark, Jerry Ridgeway of Chillicothe, OH; step-children, Kelly McCain Coulter of Elizabethtown, PA, Brent Edwin McCain of Columbus, OH; step-grandchildren, Christian (Miranda) Wolgemuth, Jonathan Coulter all of Elizabethtown, PA, Brandon L. McCain and Brittanie Sermon of Etna, OH, Alea McCain of Wooster, OH; step-great-grandchildren, Caleb, Colton, Azela and Kaiden.



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In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara (Dunn) Ridgeway, whom he married October 10, 1965 and who died on October 30, 1997.

Friends may call 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, January 17, 2016 at VENSIL & CHUTE FUNERAL HOME, 1850 West Main Street, Newark.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alive Vineyard of Licking County or Hospice of Central Ohio. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



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BB

Becky Bishop posted:

Very sorry to hear that George passed away. I worked with him at Holophane during the time he was going to school. He was such a nice person and always there to help anyone. We had lots of discussions about Vietnam and his military time over lunches. My sympathy to you, his family, as I am sure he will be greatly missed. God Bless you and wrap His loving arms around you at this difficult time.

May 2 at 1:46 PM

JT

Jason Thompson posted:

I'm saddened to hear of George's passing. I worked with him back in 1999 right after graduating mortuary school. He was a very knowledgeable man who taught me a lot about funeral service. Rest in peace, homie.

May 2 at 1:46 PM

RA

Roy & Patti Van Atta posted:

Jane and family,\r\nWe are very sorry to hear of George's death. George played a very important role in my professional life and I'll always be grateful for the time we worked together. His sense of humor was a bright spot at the funeral home. May the Peace of Christ be with you as you walk through this time of grief.

May 2 at 1:46 PM

PV

Patti Vanatta posted:

My dear Jane and family,\r\nOur hearts go out to you. We are so sorry to hear this news. He was such a sweet good man and I'll never forget the outpouring of love and kindness he showed us. \r\n\r\nYou are in our prayers. With much love,\r\nRoy and Patti VanAtta

May 2 at 1:46 PM

RM

Ruth Moran posted:

Dear Jane,\r\nI am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. \r\nSincerely,\r\nRuth Moran\r\nLNO Committee\r\nWilson's Garden Center

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JC

Jared Cunningham posted:

From one \"Double Nickel\" family to another, and in honor of the bond shared between our families, Donna and I send our deepest condolences to George's entire family. May his legacy of duty live on in the spirit of us all. Another soldier has been added to our troops of Angels, still fighting from above, protecting an alliance forged many years ago. God Bless. Karen: here for you, my sister, to be whatever you need, whenever needed. I will see you soon but always just around the block.\r\n\r\nMuch love and peace, \r\n\r\nThe Cunninghams

May 2 at 1:46 PM

BB

Barb Brush posted:

Jane, so sorry. You're in my thoughts and prayers. .

May 2 at 1:46 PM

HK

Howie And Kimberley posted:

Jane, our hearts are with you. George was such a neat guy, approachable and funny. He knew about so many things, it was always interesting to talk with him. I (Kimberley) enjoyed visiting with you and him when working on the computers. I smile when I think of his beloved bowl of Skittles by his recliner. Love you.

May 2 at 1:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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