



Mr. Ralph Wayne Beard Sr

October 5, 1947 - September 22, 2024

Ralph Wayne Beard Sr., Vietnam Veteran and retired precision machinist, passed away at his home on September 22nd, 2024. As a 76 year old father, he lived out his retirement in Paragould, Arkansas.

Preceded in death by his mother, Mary Bell Hopkins and his father, Thomas Stone Beard Jr.; his two sisters, Linda Beard and Joanne Brooks; and brother, Wendell Beard.

Wayne was born in Fayetteville, Tennessee on October 5th, 1947. He left behind two sons, Ralph Wayne Beard Jr. and Jonathan Brent Beard; two daughters, Breann Leanette Beard and LeeAnn Rachel Southern; as well as his best friend and the mother of his daughters, Lesa Carol Southern. Wayne also left behind many loved grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Even though Wayne was drafted into the Vietnam War, he really enjoyed being a Vet and telling about his time in Germany. The love he had for camouflage clothing and American flags was extreme to say the least. He told many stories about being on the boat, which is different from him explaining how scared of water he was. Put him on a boat at anytime but don't make him go swimming.

Wayne was very passionate about his career as a machinist, he got to travel to many different states and got to see some amazing things. He also loved taking pictures of his sightseeing to add to the storytelling of his adventures.

As you can see he is loved and will be missed by so many but let's not take away the fact he had such a full life. I know he is so glad to finally be back with his mom and dad.

In honoring dad's wishes there will be a private family gathering at a later date so expressions of sympathy should be sent directly to the family.

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