



Lester Edward Waide

August 1, 1943 - September 12, 2020

Lester "Les" Edward Waide

Lester Waide, age 77, passed away among friends Saturday, September 12, 2020. He was born August 1, 1943 in Chicago, IL. He was preceded in death by his mother Louise (Mirabelli) Shutan; his father, Frank Waide; his sister, Patricia Angle; and his grandson, Calvin Ray Young III. He is survived by his wife Elaine, four children, Maria Waide (James), Angel Young, Lisa Burgarella (Robert), and Vincent Waide (Gretchen); a stepson, Daniel Rabbett (Kami); a nephew, Michael Hirsch (Sherry); ten grandchildren, Maria Ann Waide, David Croft, Joshua Young, Zachary Burgarella, Brandon Young, Cassidy Waide, Casey Rabbett, Megan Rabbett, DJ Rabbett, and Ella Rabbett; and five great-grandchildren...Les served his country in the US Army from 1960-1981 where he retired with the rank of Master Sergeant (MSG). He distinguished himself in the Vietnam conflict as an early advisor where he received a special commendation from the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) for establishing a microwave radio communications school, training ARVN combat units in electronic communication. He went on to receive among other citations a Meritorious Service Medal. After retiring from the Army Les began a career in telecom that spanned three decades working with a number of companies such as Bell, Sprint, and Northern Telecom. He helped to build the infrastructure for a significant portion of this country's fiber optic and cellular networks. During his post-Army career, Les remained active with veterans' organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), DAV (Disabled

American Veterans) and the American Legion. His free time found him giving disabled vets rides to the VA hospital and enjoying fellowship with his comrades-in-arms. Upon retirement, Les moved to Lehigh Acres. There he devoted even more time to veterans causes, eventually serving as the Post Commander at VFW Post 4174 and Post Commander at American Legion Post 323. A celebration of Les's life with full military honors will be held at the VFW Post 4174 located at 25 S. Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers the family has requested you consider making a donation in Les's name to VFW Post 4174 and/or the American Legion Post 323.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

VFW Post 4174
25 S. Homestaed Road
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

Tribute Wall



“ *Lester Edward Waide*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Lester Edward Waide*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Dar And DJ lit a candle in memory of Lester Edward Waide*



Dar and DJ - September 19, 2020 at 12:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lester Edward Waide.*



September 18, 2020 at 01:13 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Waide Burgarella lit a candle in memory of Lester Edward Waide*



Lisa Waide Burgarella - September 16, 2020 at 12:14 AM

LB

“ *Lisa Waide Burgatella lit a candle in memory of Lester Edward Waide*



Lisa Waide Burgatella - September 16, 2020 at 12:10 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lester Edward Waide.*



September 15, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lester Edward Waide.*



September 15, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JC

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of Les. We loved Les like a brother. We will miss him dearly. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Jane and Kurt Critz

Jane Critz - September 15, 2020 at 06:34 PM

CU

“ Carol Gray And Sharon Underwood lit a candle in memory of Lester Edward Waide



Carol Gray and Sharon Underwood - September 15, 2020 at 03:18 PM

 Maria Waide

“ Maria Waide lit a candle in memory of Lester Edward Waide



Maria Waide - September 15, 2020 at 01:41 PM

SW

“ I am so glad we got to spend his last night with him, we all had so much fun laughing and reminiscing, so very sorry for your loss.
Prayers to you and the family

Sue and Ray Wetzel - September 15, 2020 at 01:23 PM

CD

“ *Carolyn Drengk-Holoday lit a candle in memory of Lester Edward Waide*



Carolyn Drengk-Holoday - September 15, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lester Edward Waide.*



September 15, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lester Edward Waide.*



September 15, 2020 at 11:03 AM