



Michael Lynn Stapleton

September 21, 1952 - November 11, 2019

SMSGT Michael L. Stapleton, US Air Force (Ret.) Tulsa, OK, died peacefully at home on November 11, 2019, at the age of 67.

He was born September 21, 1952 in Bartlesville, OK.

A Graduate of College High School, he first served in the Navy during Vietnam. Returning to Oklahoma, he served in the US Air Force with the Tulsa Air National Guard, 138th Fighter Wing, Security Forces Squadron, and served in multiple Operations around the world throughout his career. He loved his children, grandchildren and his entire family.

He is survived by a brother, Jerry (Kandy) Stapleton, a sister-in-law, Diana Stapleton, and his children: Michael D. (Barbara) Stapleton and Brandi Newman and grandchildren: Connor and Corinne Stapleton.

He was preceded in death by both parents: Gerald E. (Gene) Stapleton, Sr. and Louise (Burris) Stapleton, and one brother, Charles Stapleton.

Graveside service will be held Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 1pm in Memorial Park Cemetery, 4200 Nowata Rd., Bartlesville, OK. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Folds of Honor Foundation: www.foldsofhonor.org or to Alzheimer's & Dementia Research: www.alz.org.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Lynn Stapleton*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Michael Lynn Stapleton*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I am very thankful to serve in the United States Air Force (Oklahoma Air National Guard) with Sgt Michael Stapleton better known as the Grayfox, he was a great leader and team player, you know we all have different personalities put when it comes down to business we would all say ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT WHORA, when someone joined the ranks that Unit would have what we call New Guy hike, that's when we drop them out somewhere Mike would out a star in the sky for them to follow in the darkness without a compass, for them to return to the Barracks at camp Gruber that was their point of welcome to the ranks*

(Ret. Msgt Terry (T-bone) Howard, Sr - November 23, 2019 at 10:49 AM

“ And Now We Say Goodbye

*Great sadness fills our hearts today
as pipes and drums, in slow march play.
A comrade's fallen by the way,
And now we say goodbye.*

*This hero to the very end
Was more than just a casual friend,
Who would a stranger's life defend,
And now we say goodbye*

*But we shall cherish, all our days,
The character this life portrayed
With sacrifice so freely made,
And now we say goodbye.*

*The hand salute, o'er Stars and Stripes,
And distant skirl of highland pipes,
Give last farewell with hero's rights,
And now we say goodbye.*

*While here on Earth, you gave your best.
Now in the Master's arms you rest.
T'is by your memory we are blessed.
And now we say goodbye.*

*Howard Garrison Yates
@ July 2006*

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“ *SMSgt Stapleton, you helped With the Honor Guard weapons and I always appreciated that. Rest in peace, and prayers to your family.*

Msgt Dolly Kirk - November 20, 2019 at 03:44 PM