



Delnar Paul Kester

May 20, 1935 - March 20, 2016

Delnar Paul Kester went home to be with his Heavenly Father on March 20, 2016.

Born May 20, 1935 in West Virginia. Paul made his home in Canton, Ohio until he moved to the Dellroy area 16 years ago.

Paul was a retired NCO from the United States Army. As honorably as he served in the Army, he was a warrior who fought the good fight of his illness until his last breathe. Paul was a great man of honor and integrity. He was larger than life and leaves with his family the legacy of his gregarious spirit, his laughter, and sense of humor, his sense of adventure, and his love for the outdoors.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 57 years, Ardell J. (Mathes) Kester; four children, Linda Kester of Johnson City, Texas; Lisa Kester of Carrollton, Ohio; Paul Kester of Collinsville, Illinois; Stephan Gilliland of Mishawaka, Indiana; son in law, Bill Noble, and daughter in law, Robin Gilliland; seven grandchildren, John Seaburn, Christian Aguirre, Shaun Seaburn and wife Tina Seaburn, Maryn Kester, Grace Kester, Hannah Kester, Allison Moore; and four great-grandchildren, Riley Aguirre, Layton Aguirre, Colton Seaburn, Lilly Moore; his brother Larry Kester of Florence, South Carolina; his sister, Audrey Harvey of McDonald, Pennsylvania; many nieces and nephews and great

nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents Irvin and Janie Kester; brothers, Clarence, Morris, and Rex Kester; brother in law, Bud Harvey; sister in laws, Virginia, Jean, and Lenora Kester; and nieces and nephews who left us in the prime of their lives.

As Paul's family and friends gather to grieve their loss, they also gather to celebrate the life of Paul and his legacy of honor, strength, and devotion.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in Dodds Funeral Homes of Carrollton with full military honors. Burial will follow in Baxter's Ridge Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Baxter's Ridge Cemetery

4006 Jade Road NW
Carrollton, OH 44615

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dodds Funeral Home-Carrollton
129 N Lisbon St
Carrollton, OH 44615
(330) 627-5505
<https://www.doddsfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

MAR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ Our eulogy to our Dad:

Our dad was bigger than life. He was a man of great honor and integrity. He was a loving husband to his wife of 57 years – a loving father and Pap Pap– son, brother, and uncle. Most all our dad was a warrior – a retired NCO from the United States Army – a proud Vietnam war veteran - and a man who fought his illness with strength and courage until his last breathe.

Our mom is laying him to rest in a solid oak casket because she said that is what he was – as solid as an oak. He was our rock, our number one. As the leader of our home, he with our mother by his side, taught us that honor, hard work, and commitment are the foundation for a life of excellence. We are grateful for his wisdom, guidance, and direction. He allowed us to be the best we could be and sometimes the worst we could be and loved us always. Most of all he demonstrated to us the courage to fight the good fight. His legacy of honor, strength and devotion live on through us, our children, and our children’s children for generations to come.

His sense of humor and laughter lit up our world. He taught us to love the outdoors and look for the adventure in the ordinary. We each have many wonderful memories of him and we want share a few of our favorite personal memories of the man who always has been and always will be our hero.

- *The day he returned home from Vietnam and came to get me at school*
- *The day he surprised me and came to see me take my first swimming test*
- *Helping Lisa and I sell the most girl scout cookies and making sure our troop had the best tent at campouts*
- *Being part of the spirit de corp drill and ceremony team*
- *Camping, hiking, cook outs and hobo pies*
- *Playing volley ball with us at Lake Joseph*
- *Working by his side at he and mom’s business – Harrison and*

West Tusc Union76 gas station

- *Freshman year Father Daughter dance*
- *Taking me anywhere and everywhere I needed to be*

He would not want us to feel sorrow because he is still with us. His spirit and the essence of who he was lives on in our heart and lives. We celebrate you today Dad - your life here on earth, your love, and your legacy to each of us. We love you Dad. Go rest high on that mountain that is heaven, hope and eternal life. We miss you dearly and will see you in all the little and big things of our lives.

Linda Kester - March 24, 2016 at 07:20 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Delnar Paul Kester.*



March 23, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Delnar Paul Kester.*



March 22, 2016 at 11:33 AM

LK

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Linda Kester - March 22, 2016 at 09:55 AM

PL

“ *Paul, Linda, Lisa purchased the Red, White & Blue Standing Wreath for the family of Delnar Paul Kester.*



Paul, Linda, Lisa - March 22, 2016 at 09:06 AM

PK

“ *Dad,*

Rest in peace my father. We've been down a few roads together and I know you deserve the peace now. We'll BS about it when I get there. I love you.

Paul

Paul Kester - March 22, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Delnar Paul Kester.*



March 21, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *8 files added to the album New Album Name*



Linda Kester - March 21, 2016 at 07:00 PM