



Elmer "Buddy" Lapp

May 29, 1951 - September 4, 2023

Elmer "Buddy" L. Lapp, age 72, of Chesterfield, Michigan, passed away on September 4, 2023, in the Michigan Veterans Home. He was born on May 29, 1951, in Mexico, Missouri. He married Gwendolyn, on November 18, 1971, in Omaha, Nebraska. He is the son of the late, Elbert and Helen Lapp.

Buddy attended South Omaha high school and USMC (1968-1971). He earned a Vietnam Purple Heart. He was self-taught in the lumber and building industry and was an avid motorcycle rider.

Buddy is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gwendolyn Lapp, of Chesterfield, Michigan, daughter, Penni (Jim) Durso, of Munising, Michigan, daughter, Kristi Lapp, of Port Huron, Michigan, grandchildren; Keith, Jacalyn, Sabrina, Todd Jr. "TJ" and great-grandchildren, Lucas and Zane.

A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date at Elmwood Cemetery, in Mexico, Missouri.

Memorial Tributes can be made to the Michigan Veterans Home, Chesterfield, Michigan.

Cremation arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-57737 Gratiot, New Haven.

To view the obituary and share memories, visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

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“ We grew up together in South Omaha, Ne. In the true sense of the term “Best Friends”..... that is exactly what we are to each other. Nothing will ever replace those memories and I am soo fond of that friendship and how it has survived thru time.



“ Thanks for the Memories “ Buddy & Gwen 😊: 1: 🟡 😊

Jess Espejo Sr. - September 11, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ He will always be my ornery little brother. Since I was 4 years older, we were not close. He was always a worker, thrifty, neat and intense. I remember when he came home from boot camp, his nephew, my son Bobby was coming home from school. He was 5. A load of cattle had escaped a truck and was headed for him. Buddy ran out in front of the cattle and carried him safely across the street. He was a hero. And he sure looked handsome in his Marine uniform. Mama and Daddy were proud of him. As young adults our lives sort of separated. But he was always my family and we prayed for him and his family always. In our later years we grew closer and appreciated each other more. 70 years is God's blessing on a life. I'm glad he was my brother.

Juanita Linville - September 07, 2023 at 10:49 PM



He was awesome.

Jess Espejo Sr. - September 11, 2023 at 08:17 AM