



Lewis D. "Lou" Criess

May 7, 1942 - June 23, 2022

SHIRLEY: Lewis "Lou" Dean Criess passed on June 23, 2022, in Worcester, Massachusetts, surrounded by his wife and daughters. He was 80 years old. Born in Stroud, Oklahoma, Lou grew up on his family farm where he acquired many skills and many more stories to tell. Lou proudly served his country, enlisting in the Army and earning a spot in the Special Forces as a Green Beret. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor Medal. In his retirement, he enjoyed spending his winters vacationing in Hawaii, watching the Three Stooges, gardening, and proudly decorating his home in Shirley, Massachusetts, for every holiday. Lou is survived by wife Leslie Seidel Criess, daughters Kimberly Larkey and husband Marshal, and Deana Criess and partner Mike, and grandchildren Johnathan Larkey, 1LT. Jeremy Larkey, Jackson Tolliver, and Madelaine Tolliver, and his brothers Ray and Les Criess.

Lou's family will receive relatives and friends at a visitation period from 10- 11 AM Thursday, June 30, 2022, at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte 2A) Ayer. A time of remembrance will be held at 11 AM. Lou will be laid to rest at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon with a service at 1 PM. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Simonds-Sinon Regional Cancer Center, part of the UMass Health Alliance, <https://www.umhhealth.org/healthalliance-clinton-hospital/healthalliance-clinton-giving-page>, and the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign <https://vn-agentorange.org/>.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street
Winchendon, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

A Time of Remembrance

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Tribute Wall

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“ We were deeply sadden to learn of Lew's passing. He and I served together at Ft. Bragg, Vietnam, Panama, and Ft. Devens. Our condolences and sympathy to all of his family. RIP brother. Cliff & Jeanne Watts

Cliff Watts Sr. - July 16, 2022 at 10:19 AM

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“ Our prayers and thoughts for Dean and family. He was a great man and a loyal friend. Rest in peace dear friend. Paulette and Fred Barnes



Paulette Barnes - July 12, 2022 at 02:05 AM