



Sgt. Larry D. Swope , US Army (ret)

January 28, 2018

Mr. Swope was born in Hoopeston, IL, April 1, 1937, a son of Harry G. and Irma N. (Malott) Swope and resided in many places throughout the World before finally settling in Ashby in 1985.

He was a graduate of John Greer High School in Hoopeston, IL. He later continued his education at the University of Maryland and Colorado University where he majored in Business Administration and Finance. During his career in the armed forces, Sgt. Swope was enrolled in several Military Leadership and Command Schools.

For 25 years, Mr. Swope served his country in the United States Army retiring in April 1979 at the rank of Sergeant First Class. While stationed in Korea, he was in the Army Security Agency attached with the 7th Infantry, and while in Vietnam, he was with the 101st Airborne Division.

During his career, Sgt. Swope was recognized with many awards including Bronze Star medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Berlin Overseas Award, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Vietnam Civic Action Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, 2 National Defense Medals, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 8 Good Conduct Awards, 2 Korean Service Awards, South Korean Peace Medal, South Korean Liberation Medal 60th Anniversary, Korean War Veteran of the Year 2012, South Korean Presidential Award.

Following his retirement from the armed services, Mr. Swope continued to serve his country in the capacity of management as a GS 12 for over 14 years. This position required him to travel to military bases throughout the fifty states and overseas where he audited the operations for efficiencies.

Sgt. Swope was a Life member of the VFW, AMVETS, Disabled Veterans, Mass Chapter of Korean War Veterans. He was a member of the Ashby VFW, Army Security Agency and the Screaming Eagles 101st Airborne. He held numerous positions from Commander/ Vice Adjutant, Judge Advocate, secretary, treasurer, manager of services, chaplain, key note speaker, supply and food supervision and human resources manager.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Younghee J. (Kwon) Swope; a son, Donald Swope of Ayer; a daughter and son in law, Nancy and Justin MacBurnie of Winsted, CT and a grandson, Ty MacBurnie.

He was the brother of the late Richard Swope and Marlene J. Owens both of Illinois.

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“ Larry, with more than 35 yrs. of your Friendship, and many, many informative weekly drive by visits you will always remembered with great admiration.

Mike,Ransom and Annemarie Amlong - February 01, 2018 at 07:08 AM

JV

“ I have been blessed to have spent my early years in ILL and later visits in MA and FL with my cousin, Larry. He had so many stories, experiences, a wealth of knowledge and an outstanding military life - all of which he took pride in sharing. He will always have a special place in my heart. My prayers go out to Younghee, Donald and Nancy.

Jean A Cox Vassallo - January 31, 2018 at 07:40 PM

LS

“ Dear Younghee and children

We have been like family for over 20 years as Larry would kid me about how he "followed my career". He was stubborn in his kidding ways but a good man and well respected for his outstanding military career. He had a colorful life until the last year when his quality of life had failed him.

RIP Larryvery well deserved....your life has been for many blessings

Laurie, Pammy and Brian

Laura E Shifrin - January 30, 2018 at 04:57 PM

NM

“ Thank you for touching so many lives. Thank you for being my father. Love you dad, you will be forever missed. Love your daughter, Nancy

Nancy MacBurnie - January 30, 2018 at 04:17 PM