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Roland C. Wilber, passed away at the VA Hospital in SLC Utah on May 10, 2022, at the age of 77. "Rollie" was born April 4, 1945 in Brookings, SD to Rebecca and Leon Wilber and was the third of four children: Mary, Cathy and Art.

"Chuck" joined the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 and proudly served his Country during the Vietnam War. Throughout his military career, he served in the positions of: Infantry Unit Leader, Ammunition Technician and Drill Instructor. He earned a Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and a Meritorious Mast acknowledgement.

After 20 years of dedicated service Chuck retired with the rank of a Gunnery Sergeant in 1983. Although retired, the title of a Marine is an earned title and it never goes away. Once someone goes through the trials and tribulations, it stays with them forever and cannot be taken away. Chuck was forever proud of the time he spent serving in the Marines and we are forever grateful for the sacrifices that he made for his Country.

Chuck was an avid lover of woodworking and always had some type of project in the works. He prized his time spent camping and fishing all over the Intermountain West. Following the passing of his loving wife Mary, he shared the remainder of his days with his grandchildren Kenneth and Becca Brecke, his great-grandchildren Kailey and Boston, his faithful companion Buddy, extended family and many friends from the Club 48.

Chuck is survived by his sons: Jeff and Chad Wilber of Salt Lake City. Preceded in death by his loving wife Mary Henrietta Boyle-Wilber, mother Rebecca Adamson , Step-Father Glen Adamson and sister Cathy.



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A Viewing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2022 at Premier Funeral Service 67 E. 8000 S., Midvale, UT 84047 followed by a graveside service and interment at 2:00 p.m., at the Midvale City Cemetery 471 W. 6th Ave., Midvale City, UT. 84047.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or Vietnam Veterans of America. Semper Fidelis.



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John H Beverley posted:

I remember R C Wilbur aka Gunny Wilbur. I had the honor of working with him as part of the Fort Douglas Security Police. We both were part of the graveyard shift. I remember he had a lot of stories about his service with the USMC in various assignments over his career. He taught me to take pride in my appearance. Uniform pressed, boots shined. The graveyard shift was a team that always stuck together. Three officers per shift. Two patrol and one in dispatch. We rotated duties. I do remember one particularly long and boring night working as the dispatcher and Gunny came in after a round of building security checks. He decided to take a break for a few minutes on the couch in the office. After a short time he was, I'm pretty sure performing security checks on the insides of his eyelids, even a bit of a snore every now and then. It was sometime after 05:00 and some buildings were locked and the first one to arrive each morning had to come to the security office and be escorted to that building to be let in. On this morning it was an Army Captain. His car pulled into our drive and he got out to approach the door. I swear, Gunny heard the Captain's hand on the door knob. He was wide awake, on his feet and at attention and saluted the Captain as he entered. I was amazed. After he escorted the Captain to his building and returned to our office. I asked, "How the heck did you do that? You were out cold and snoring!" He gave a sly grin and replied, "20 years in the Marine Corps and too many nights pulling sentry duty. You never really sleep!" Thank You Gunny for your years of service and sharing a small part of your life. It was an honor to know you. John H Beverley. I'm sure my late brother David would have the same sentiments. He was also one of the graveyard team. We both had fond stories of Chuck and our Fort Douglas days.

June 6 at 3:20 AM



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