



Edward Arnold Reynolds

January 12, 1955 - December 19, 2020

Edward Arnold Reynolds, 65, of Stigler, passed away Saturday, December 19, 2020 at his home.

He was born January 12, 1955 in Stigler, Oklahoma to William & Pauline (Taylor) Reynolds. Eddie was raised in Stigler and went to Stigler High School. Eddie served his country proudly with the United States Navy. He served on the U.S.S. Okinawa during the Vietnam War. While in Vietnam, the Okinawa was a mobile base from which a well equipped force of Marines could quickly strike via 25 helicopters at the communist insurgents. In 1975 the Okinawa participated on Operation Frequent Wind, the evacuation during the fall of Saigon. Eddie was a flight crew member on the Amphibious Assault Ship. During the rescue mission helicopters were pushed overboard to make room for the incoming choppers as well as...50,493 people including 2,678 Vietnamese orphans that were rescued as well as evacuating American Troops. Eddie was awarded the National Defense Service Medal for his service.

After the war Eddie worked and retired from the McAlester Ammunition Depot. Eddie is survived by his mother, Pauline Reynolds of Stigler; his siblings, Louise Boyles of Stigler, Alice & husband Howard Riback of Eufaula, Jean & husband Mike Cole of Council Hill, OK., Mary Anne & husband Mark Fleisher of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Debbie & husband Willie Scoggins of Council Hill, OK.; nieces & nephews, Roger Sappington of Pueblo, Colorado, Janell Daggett of Tahlequah, Robert Boyles & wife Heather of Sands Springs, Amy

McPartland of Bristol, Connecticut, David Boyles of Stigler, & Allen & wife Casey Boyles of Stigler; great nieces & nephews, Taylor Sappington, Tucker Sappington, Erica Daggett, Hunter Daggett, Blake Boyles, Brett Boyles, Brian Boyles Alexander McPartland, Sadie McPartland, Dyer Boyles, Chloe Boyles, Mason Boyles & Cambry Boyles, Trent Lassiter & Reigen Lassiter.

Eddie is preceded in death by his father, William H. Reynolds; his brother-in-law, Roy Boyles.

Full military Honor Guard will be presented by VFW POST # 4446 of Stigler. This will be a Drive Thru Memorial Service.

Previous Events

MEMORIAL SERVICE

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Lake John Wells Park
Stigler, OK 74462

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry that I have not kept in touch with Eddie over the years. We joined the Navy and took the oath together in OKC. From there we went to Orlando fir boot camp and to Long Beach CA reporting to the USS Okinawa LPH 3. Eddie worked on the flight deck giving directions to helicopter pilots. This was a very dangerous job but he was exemplary. I performed maintenance in the helicopters and worked in an aviation electrician shop off the hanger bay, We went everywhere together in the many ports of call. We often bantered with one another making insults but always knew how much we esteemed each other. We spent the entire three years serving our country side by side. The last time I saw him was December 1989. He was building his geodesic home and working on the roof when I drove up. God Bless you and keep you my friend.

Gary Ferguson - July 10, 2021 at 02:23 PM

WM

“ I am so sorry for the loss! All the family will be in my prayers. Wilma Moody, Muskogee

Wilma Moody - December 31, 2020 at 10:53 AM

TC

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Eddie. I remember growing up with him and attending school with him. I am praying for Aunt Pauline and the rest of the family during their loss. Love you all.
Thresia Conrad and family

Thresia Conrad - December 29, 2020 at 12:23 AM

AH

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. I have thought of you and your sister so often. I am also sorry to miss the funeral. I thought it was at 2:00.

Ann Folsom

Ann Hamilton - December 28, 2020 at 03:26 PM