



## Paul Edwin Dickinson

June 1, 1945 - November 10, 2019

Paul Edwin Dickinson passed away in his home on Sunday, November 10, surrounded by his wife and four children. He was 74 and had battled MDS and leukemia for the last two years.

He was born on June 1, 1945, in Bellevue, WA, to his parents Benjamin and Vernetta Dickinson. He graduated from the University of Washington and earned a master's degree from Webster University. In 1975, he married Elizabeth (Betty Ann) Morton Lambert, a union that included two young children who soon embraced him as their father.

Paul served in the U.S. Army from 1968-91, achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was a dedicated armor officer with a distinguished career that took him to postings in Germany, Korea, and throughout the United States.

After retiring from the Army, he was assistant athletic director at Siena College in Loudonville, NY, before launching a second career with military contractors, including SAIC and General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS). He was particularly proud of his time as director of ground combat support for GDLS, where he managed a global workforce in support of the Abrams and Stryker vehicles. He and his family also spent five years in Saudi Arabia, where he managed a General Dynamics Operations site for maintenance training on the Abrams M1A2 tank.

He and Betty Ann retired to The Villages in 2013, where Paul enjoyed his Wednesday and Friday golf groups and "mastered" the ukulele with help from the Ukulele Players Club. His children remember him coaching their sports

teams, playing guitar for family sing-alongs, reminiscing about his youth in Washington state, hauling them to fantastic locations around the world, and taking early morning walks on the beach in Ocean City, NJ.

LTC Dickinson is survived by his wife, Betty Ann; his children, Michael (Summer) Dickinson, Sharon (Anthony) Dent, Kathleen (John) Jimenez, and Megan (Britt) Warren; seven grandchildren; and three sisters. He is preceded in death by a grandson, Benjamin.

Cremation is planned. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Fisher House Foundation.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Diane told us of Paul's passing. We had no idea how very ill he was. Our deepest sympathies to you all. May God give you all comfort and peace.

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“ My deepest sympathies to the whole extended Dickinson Family. Paul was such a fantastic man and will be forever missed. I have such fond memories of all of you when I stayed with you in Germany many years ago. My favorite memory of Paul: my mom and I went to Sharon's wedding in Kansas and the 3 of us were walking around downtown. I walk really fast and didn't realize I was so far ahead. When my mom and Paul caught up with me, he asked "did you win?" I said "win what?" He said "the race you're obviously in." I still laugh about that to this day. I love you Paul, you will be remembered forever. Jennifer Brown (Parsons)

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**Jennifer (Brown) Parsons** - November 17, 2019 at 02:22 PM