



RICKEY TREFETHEN

November 29, 1945 - July 28, 2014

Obituary of RICKEY TREFETHEN

Staff Sergeant Rickey E. Trefethen " USMC retired 68, husband of Patricia A. (Doughty) Trefethen passed away in his home on July 28, 2014 after a battle with cancer.

Rick is survived by his wife Patricia A. Trefethen, Daughters Kelley J. Bouchard and husband Mike. Tracey Campman and husband Bill. Grandchildren include Nicole Bouchard, Matthew Bouchard, the late Stephen Bouchard, Tanya (Campman) Friedman and husband Ari, David Campman and fiancé Savannah Nevins and Zoe Campman. Great grandchildren include Brooklyn, Kylee and Liam. Rickey was also a father figure to brother-in-law Daniel J. Doughty and wife Wendy and their 2 children Hayden and Danielle. He was predeceased by his parents Ernest and Barbara Trefethen. Born November 29, 1945 in Eastport, Maine. Rickey graduated from Hampden Academy in 1964 where he immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. A Vietnam Veteran, his 4 Units of service included: 1st battalion 1st Regiment, 1st Division and 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 9th Division. The most notable tour of duty included The Walking Dead which was Charlie Company 1st Battalion 9th Marines the unit earned the name "The Walking Dead" for its high casualty rate. The battalion endured the longest sustained combat and suffered the highest killed in action (KIA) rate in Marine Corps history, Rick

received : Bronze Star Medal, Combat Action Ribbon- Presidential Citation Vietnam, Navy Unit Command Ribbon, Merit Unit Award Vietnam, Navy E Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Cross of Gallantry Vietnam, Civic Action Medal Vietnam, Civic Action Unit Award Vietnam, Freedom Founders Award. Interviewed by President Ronald Regan he submitted an oral video history of his account of Vietnam and this interview can be viewed at the Library of Congress.

In the mid 80's he was the driving force in setting up the first Vietnam Veteran's Support group in Portland Maine. After returning home from Vietnam he found the love of his life Pat and soon after they moved to Portland Maine. While working at the Armory on the weekends and for Messer Trucks he graduated from University of Maine at Orono with a degree in History, where he and Pat raised their 2 children, before moving to Lake County, FL in 1988. Rickey worked for Van Gannaway Chevrolet (his second family) for over 23 years. He was a member of the Mason's Lodge 234. Rickey liked to play poker, repair computers for friends and neighbors in Royal Harbor and go on cruises with his wife Pat. In Lieu of Flowers donations can be made in Ricky's name to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation at <http://cshospice.org> or mail to 2445 Lane Park Rd, Tavares, FL 32309.

Visitation

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until service time at the funeral home.

Services

Services will be held at Beyers Funeral Home, Saturday August 2, 2014 at
5:00 pm.

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Pat: I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, Rick. You are in my daily prayers as you have been for some time now. God bless you and your dear family. With understanding sympathy. I love you.
Terry

Terry Peterson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ You were a wonderful brother in law and I miss you dearly. Thank you for being there for us when we moved, I could not have made it through without you. Thank you for being a wonderful Uncle to your only neice and nephew, Danielle and Hayden, they love you so much. You as such a significant part of our lives and we are blessed to have before the angels. We will take care of Pat for you.

Wendy Doughty - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Patty, my prayers go out to you and family on the loss of Rick. I will always have fond memories of our days working together. Rick was a good man and was always fun to be around. We were blessed to have him here for as long as we did.

Tim Cunningham - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ We, are both so sorry for your loss and we offer you our deepest sympathy. We, stopped by your home about a month ago(rick) used to repair our computer. My, Husband matt spoke to you and your daughter outside. We, did not know he was sick until that day. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you all, He, was a Great man R.I.P. Sincerely Matt and Claire O'Connor 3393 Baltic Sea Blv. Royal Harbor

matt and claire o'connor - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Patty, we are so sorry about Rick. He was a very good friend and I hate that he had to be sick during his short retirement. We will always remember the fun times together. Sending our sympathy and prayers to you and your family-Love, Fred & Pat

Pat Land - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Great memories of Rick for 25 years. Always stopped in VG to see the smiling, laughing, joking friend that was Rick. Thinking of you, Patty.

Don Moore - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Pat, Sorry he's life was cut short but glad he's not in pain anymore. Hang in there and remember the good times. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Ron & Marilyn Crum Waterville, Ohio

Marilyn Crum - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Dear Patty and girls .. We are so sorry for your loss. We actually got to meet you and Rick a few years ago when we visited Dan and Wendy in Florida. we remembered spending time at Christmas with you and Rick and you were the greatest hosts .. Rick will be missed but I'm sure you have great memories and that will help you thru this difficult time Love you Terri & Hayden

Hayden & Terri Grant - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My deepest sympathy during this difficult time. May the family, friends and even srangers find comfort in knowing that God and has the power to restore beloved Rickey back to life Job14:13-15 & psalms 83:18.

kay - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM