



Stephen T. "Steve" Tarapchak

August 7, 1935 - March 29, 2019

Stephen T. "Steve" Tarapchak, 83, of Grantville, passed away on Friday, March 29, 2019, at his residence. He was the husband of Kum Ye (Hong) Tarapchak.

Steve was born in Eckley, PA on August 7, 1935, to the late Michael and Mary (Kepen) Tarapchak. Steve was a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. He was a Yankee's fan and enjoyed bowling, golfing, horse racing, and working in the yard. He had owned his own horses as well.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters Margaret and her husband Ford Cook of Okeechobee, FL, & Mary Miller of Jonestown; granddaughters Caitlin Otero & Kristin Miller; and great granddaughter Caitliana Otero. He was preceded in death by his siblings Peter Tarapchak and Irene Iorio.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. A visitation will be at Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Rt. 72 & Camp Meeting Road, Jonestown from 1:00-2:00 p.m. The procession will leave the funeral home at 2:15 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 2595 Interstate Drive, Suite 100, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038
(717) 865-5215

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Stephen T. "Steve" Tarapchak.



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“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Stephen T. "Steve" Tarapchak.



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“ As a kid, Steve was that lovable grandpa figure that would play rough with us when we were rowdy, but was kind enough to give us a hug when we weren't feeling our best. His loving wife Kim would iron his uniform in just the right way to have him looking sharp when he headed off to work. He had a “Yobo” license plate on his car, which was Kim and Steve's names for each other in Korean.



He loved the Yankees so much, he invested in the largest satellite dish known to man (at least to a kid it was huge) just to watch Don Mattingly and the Yankees play. There were so many buttons and knobs on the entertainment center, it may as well have been a NASA control center (again, a kid's point of view, which may or may not be entirely accurate!)

When I visited Kim and Steve last, they broke out the fancy dishes and glasses just to welcome me. That gesture meant the world to me.

Steve sacrificed for his country and his family. He continues to be a great role model for all of us. I am who I am today because of Kim and Steve, and I owe the world to them. I hope Steve has found comfort and peace. The world is a better place because he was here.

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