



Allan R. Cleland

April 9, 2018

Allan R. Cleland, age 85 died of natural causes on April 9th, 2018 at the Minneapolis Veterans home. Allan was born on June 19, 1932 in Northfield, MN to Andrew and Susan (Tschann) Cleland. Allan was the oldest of four children.

Allan enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950. Allan married Geraldine (Elwood) on May 12th, 1956 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Northfield, MN. Together Allan and Geraldine raised five children. The family lived in Rhode Island, California and Virginia during Allan's Navy career. Allan also served in Vietnam. Allan retired from the United States Navy as a Seabee in 1970. The family then moved to Grand Rapids, MN.

Following Allan's retirement from the United States Navy, he worked at Sears where he retired after another 20 years. While at Sears, Allan earned many sales awards as part of the Midwest division that included Chicago. Allan also enjoyed land development and his stump grinding business.

Allan was an amazing provider for his family and had an amazing work ethic that he passed down to his children. While Allan wasn't working he enjoyed family gatherings, buying cars, fishing, gardening, RVing and travel. Allan and Geraldine spent many winters in Silver City, New Mexico. Allan and Geraldine were married for 61 years.

Allan moved to the Minneapolis Veterans home August of 2011 where he made many friends. He enjoyed joking with his caregivers and friends. He participated in buying trips to Target, bingo, playing cards, cribbage, horse

racing, and many other activities. The family would like to express a very special thank you to all at the Minneapolis Veterans Home where he had amazing 24/7 care.

Allan was very strong in his faith and belief in God and continued participating in Mass while a resident of the Minneapolis Veterans Home.

We are so blessed that Allan's niece Caroline Slettedahl was at his side as he took his last breath.

Allan is survived by wife Geraldine (Geri) Cleland of Baxter, MN. Brian (Sue) Cleland, Kingston, Illinois; Bruce (Bunnie) Cleland, Chesapeake, Virginia; Linda (Jim) Halverson, Lake Shore, MN; Laurene Applebee, Grand Rapids, MN; Bradley (Vicki) Cleland, Brooklyn Park, MN. Numerous friends and family, 9 grandchildren and 10 great-children.

Allan is also survived by his brother Dennis (Donna) of Faribault, MN; and sister Patty (William) of Rochester, MN.

Allan was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jerry (Bud) and many family and friends.

Rest in Peace, Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, Great-Great Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, and Friend. You will always be in our hearts. We will miss you.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that any donations be made to the Minneapolis Veterans Home.

Visitation will be at 1:30 p.m. followed by a funeral Mass at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14th at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home/Nokomus Park Chapel. 1838 Minnehaha Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55407. Burial will be on Monday, April 16th, at Fort Snelling National cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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