



Charles Stephen Simons

December 8, 1948 - April 25, 2023

Charles "Steve" Simons

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Steve died peacefully at home in the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 25. Deeply loved and missed by his wife, Barbara Lubinski; son, Charley Simons (MaryAnn Chavez); and granddaughters, Annabelle and Charlotte Simons. Steve was a quiet hero to those who truly knew and loved him. A victim and survivor of the Vietnam war, he was badly wounded Christmas Eve 1969 when hit by a round from an AK47; the bullet ripped through his abdomen, shattered his spleen, liver, and gall bladder, and fractured his spine upon exiting his back. His initial hospital recovery lasted one year, yet the chronic pain resulting from his injuries was carried over the course of his life and compounded with age. Steve was a gentle, kind, courageous, talented, and loving man who cherished his family, treasured friendships, nature, and animals. He contended that when one has been hunted, he has no desire to hunt. Steve lived quietly, kindly, and without pretense; he was truly a model of a good man, exemplified through his actions. His wife remains eternally grateful for having known, through him, what true and lasting love is - their hands and souls forever intertwined. To his brothers from the 199th Army Infantry - David, Frank, Fred, Joe, Mike, O.B. - he carried you with him and is forever bonded to you, as he is to his lifelong best friend, Gregg Anderson, with whom he shared countless memories and laughs. To Steve/my Sweetheart - you are deeply and profoundly missed. Knowing you has made me a better and

stronger person. I will forever cherish and treasure the time and love we had together. You could not be more deeply loved and will be held forever in my heart and in the hearts of all those who loved you. At last, freed from pain, rest in peace my forever Love. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials preferred to a Veterans organization of choice or the Animal Humane Society.