



Jerome Matthew Kortuem

July 9, 1938 - July 9, 2020

Jerome Matthew Kortuem, 82 of Fayetteville, Arkansas passed away Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was born July 9, 1938 in Mankato, Minnesota to Matthew and Helen Beihn Kortuem.

Cmdr. Kortuem had a very distinguished military career and earned numerous medals and awards including the Air Medal gold star, multiple Navy Commendation medals as well as the Navy Achievement Medal bronze star. Cmdr. Kortuem was one of a very select group that hunted and destroyed Vietnamese Surface-to-Air-Missiles putting himself in grave danger but undoubtedly saving many other pilot's lives.

After his military service, Jerome focused on his sales career in lawn and construction equipment. Jerome's passions after retiring were flying personal aircraft, studying his Bible, enjoying a good meal with family, friends and fellow veterans and most importantly spending time with his grandsons.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Pat Kortuem, one sister, Phyllis Kortuem and Kristy's mother, Ellayne Kortuem.

Survivors include one daughter, Kristy Hunter and husband Justin of Rogers, Arkansas; two grandsons, Stevens and Stiles Hunter both of Rogers; two

brothers, Dick Kortuem of Winnebago, Minnesota and Ray Kortuem of Two Harbors, Minnesota and one sister Dorothy Stoeber of Pipestone, Minnesota.

Graveside services with military honors will be Monday, July 20, 2020 at 10:30 am at Fayetteville National Cemetery with Pastor Chris Miller officiating.

No visitation is planned.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jerome Matthew Kortuem*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Jerry and I were good friends and both of us found the Lord about the same time. We were in CBMC together and both flew small planes. I regret that I didn't know of his passing but take consolation in knowing that he is with the Lord. He always talked about his daughter and how proud he was of her. I'm glad he got to move closer to her in his final years. Fred Bills*

Fred Bills - September 28, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *I fondly remember Jerry. He was a very interesting and special person who was not afraid to tell me what was on his mind, which I enjoyed. I learned a lot from Jerry. He was smart, hard working, very much an achiever and always treated me with respect. He was very proud of his daughter and was not afraid of telling me of her achievements. I will miss him, a true patriot.*

John Reuter

John Reuter - August 01, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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“ *Kristy, Justin, Stevens, and Stiles,*
We were so sorry to read in the paper that Jerry passed away on his birthday. Burdean called him and there was no answer so we were kind of concerned. Burdean and Jerry went into the Navy together in 1956 and had remained friends over the years, We extend our most sincere sympathy to your family. He was so proud of his grandsons and had talked to Burdean about them about six weeks ago. He will be greatly missed.
Peace and Friendship,
Burdean and Dodie Hartwig
1463 150th Ave.
Welcome, MN 56181

Dorothy Hartwig - July 23, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerome Matthew Kortuem.*



July 19, 2020 at 12:25 PM