



MAJ (Ret) Donald John Karcher

August 28, 1952 - February 28, 2023

MAJ (Ret) Donald John Karcher, 70 of Buffalo, MO, formerly of Waynesville, MO, passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2023 in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, MO.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2023 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

MAJ (Ret) Karcher is survived by two children: Robyn Batross (Chris) of Springfield, MO and John Karcher (Simone) of Ft. Bragg, NC; four grandchildren: Sabastian Conrad, Ariana Conrad, Isaac Batross, and Bennett Karcher; several other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of MAJ (Ret) Karcher and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 3. 1:00 PM.

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Of Waynesville

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Don was my mentor when I was a young fresh faced Army ROTC cadet. I looked up to him and wanted to emulate all of his leadership and personal qualities. He was impassioned about teaching and mentoring all of us cadets. He even invited us all to his home on occasions to socialize and get to know him on a more personal level. He was an incredible officer, husband, and father. He impacted me greatly at a very young age. I knew the moment I sat in my very first ROTC class that I wanted to be just like him. I'm sure he had the same impact on many others during his tenure in the Army.

Don had an infectious laugh, a gut splitting sense of humor, and was someone everyone looked up to. I'll never forget when he came into class wearing a full size gorilla costume. I've never forgotten that moment when he showed me you could have fun and still be an excellent leader.

I spoke to Don several times over the years and kept him updated on my career. He was THE reason I chose to serve in uniform and it was his inspiration and personal investment in me that carried me through my 31 plus years' of service.

I will miss him greatly. Rest in Peace Don. You are now one of God's warriors.

With my most heartfelt condolences to you John.

I will never ever forget you Don.

With love and respect always.

*Roger Lintz
Colonel, US Army (ret)*

Lintz Roger - June 01, 2023 at 07:52 AM

CP

“ Rest In Peace Don. You were an outstanding leader and mentor. I know you're safe with Waita now. I salute you. I will always remember you. We were soldiers once.....and young.

Chuck Phillips - March 21, 2023 at 06:06 PM

JR

“ Don Karcher was a man that everyone liked. He was a rock for the ROTC department at Rio Grande College. For the lives he touched there, he left the world better place. May God bless him and all those he touched.

John Robbins - March 21, 2023 at 12:01 PM

MW

“ I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. We were green ROTC cadets at Rio Grande College when I first met him. He was an awesome instructor and great example to follow. And a great sense of humor to add to all that.

Rest in peace, MAJ Karcher and God Bless your family.

Matt Woodyard - March 20, 2023 at 07:54 PM

JF

“ We thought the world of Don, he will be missed. From Jesse & Glenna Bilyeu

Jesse & Glenna Bilyeu & family - March 04, 2023 at 12:24 AM

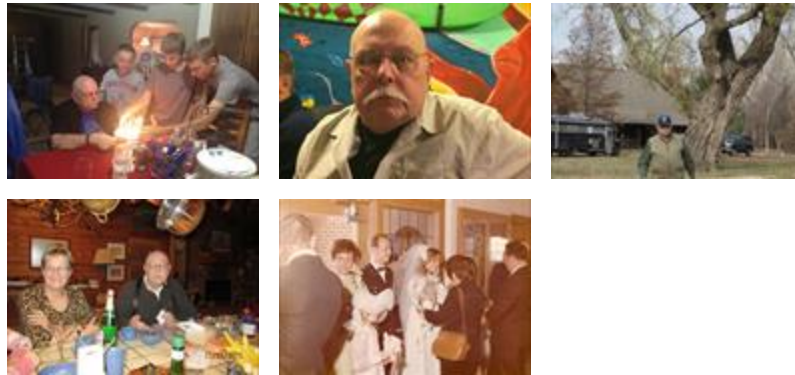
KH

“ Don was a wonderful man. So glad to have known him. Always made me laugh. Rest in peace Don. Kathy Hardman

Kathy Hardman - March 03, 2023 at 05:51 PM

RB

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Robyn Batross - March 03, 2023 at 03:56 PM

LW

“ Prayers are sent to the family & loved ones on the loss of a special father, dear friend & truly a loving family man. Luv to you all 🙏🏾🙏🏾



Lavina Wilson - March 03, 2023 at 01:20 PM

CB

“ CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of Donald Karcher



CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson - March 03, 2023 at 11:07 AM

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“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Donald Karcher*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - March 03, 2023 at 11:05 AM

BB

“ *It was wonderful getting to know Don. Thank you for the memories. Brenda and Tim Batross*

Brenda Batross - March 03, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Rest easy, Major! Thank you for your service to our great Country! You will be missed! My thoughts and prayers for your family...*

Kat De Vido - March 02, 2023 at 11:25 AM

LN

Very fond memories of this man and soldier. We were in the same ROTC unit in Pueblo where I was commissioned and thereafter served my 20 years. We spoke on the telephone before his passing and we reminisced and laughed once again. Major (ret) Larry

Larry Nelsen - February 09 at 03:47 PM