



SFC (Ret.) George Francis Cressel

April 28, 1941 - November 27, 2023

George Francis Cressel was born in Park Rapids, Minnesota on April 28, 1941. He was the 4th child of Pearl and George Cressel. He married his hometown sweetheart Judy Estelle Klarer with whom he would have 5 children & over 40 years of marriage.

George served our country as an engineer in the United States Army during two tours in Vietnam. He went on to serve in tours in both France and Germany as a driver. After his foreign tours were concluded, he moved to Laquey, Missouri where he served as a drill sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood. He went on to retire from the military and owned multiple businesses including Wood Dr. Cabinets and Georgie Porgie Puppies. Later in life, when his wife Judy fell ill, he stayed by her side and cared for her until her passing.

In 2015, he remarried to Cheryl Dennis. He and Cheryl went on to enjoy traveling and spending time with grandchildren.

George was a dedicated family man. He especially loved children and spoiled, or as he would say “pupped” his grandchildren. In addition to family life, he loved westerns, music, football, and boxing. He also was a devoted member of Maranatha Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl; children Naomi, Nanette, Neurine, Natacha

(Brad), and Noah (Amanda); grandchildren Josiah, Marlena, George, Contessa, Chad, Alexia, Benjamin, Anayia, Jaden, Naimah, Arielle, Madilyn, Daimen, Andre, Talan; great grandchildren Saxxon, Andrew, Louis, Andrew, Daniel, Arthur, and Robert; his brother, Lance; his twin sisters, Mary Lou Peterson (Bob) and Mary Ann Pech (Jim); two step-children, Dwight Wilson (Stephanie) and Aphrodite Wilson; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

Preceding George in death are his parents: Pearl & George Cressel; first wife: Judy Cressel; and younger sister: Kathaleen Cressel.

The Cressel family would like to give a special thanks to Cheryl for so selflessly caring for George and giving him these final years with him, as well as allowing George his final wish of passing peacefully at home.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of George Cressel and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Baptist Church
200 Acorn Drive
St. Robert, MO

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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200 Acorn Drive
St. Robert, MO

Burial

DEC 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery, FLW
25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I met George through my father. We became good friends. He taught me the art of cabinet building from scratch. He instilled good values and spent time just talking about everyday affairs. I bless his family and pray that his memory will always bring love and warmth. He will be greatly missed.

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Naomi,
Thank you for adding the photos. I loved your dad very much. It's hard to believe my dad is also gone, I think about him and mom everyday.
Lorie

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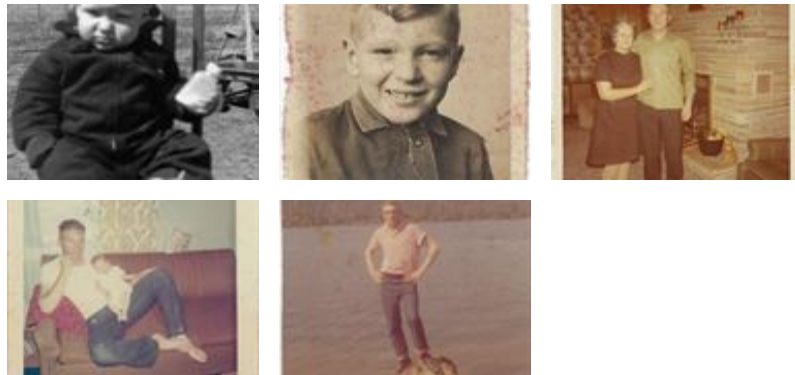
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