



Louis Ray Lefebvre

February 24, 2019

Lt. Colonel Louis Ray Lefebvre, United States Army, Retired, age 85, of Flowery Branch, GA, passed away Sunday, February 24, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis (Buck) and Maude Lefebvre, and sister, Anne. Mr. Lefebvre is survived by his wife of sixty years, Lela Ann Lefebvre, Flowery Branch; children, Teresa Marie Lefebvre-Almelid, Beth Lefebvre Messer (Randy), Lawrence Paul Lefebvre (Donna), Patricia Louise Sanders (Ricky); grandchildren, Elizabeth (Joshua), Joshua (Katheryn), Zachary (Melissa), Knut Eirik (Sigrid), Thor, Kristine, Nick, Genevieve, Leighton; great-grandchildren, Jordan, David, Amerae, Caleb, Austin; brothers, Roy Lefebvre, Collins Lefebvre; sisters, Louise Lefebvre, Eva Kenny; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Lefebvre was born December 11, 1933, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho and graduated from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. He served in the Army from 1957-1977, was wounded in November 1965 in the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley which was depicted in the movie *We Were Soldiers*, and was awarded a Purple Heart and Silver Star. After retirement from the Army, he became a manager for Roadway Express, later a substitute teacher with the Gwinnett County school system and was very active in the Catholic Church. He had a love for all children - from his own children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to those he taught in school and church.

He gave much of himself and was a constant and active presence in his family's lives with a kind and loving heart that gave them strength through the

years. He was truly a special man, and a mentor for many. He will be missed. A funeral service with Liturgy of the Word will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA, with Mr. Robbie Cotta officiating. Interment with full military honors will be at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA, at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans www.dav.org or Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Ray Lefebvre*

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“ *My deepest condolences to Ann, to Teresa and our three children and to the entire Ray Lefebvre family. He was a wonderful father, from what I'm told, the best father-in-law, a dream of a grandfather to our kids, and much more. His first child married in Norway, he and Ann came to my country every year, if not twice or thrice. And one year they took all their ten grandkids on a wondrous van-trip all around the USA for a good month. Love you, Ray.*

An era is over with his passing. I was with my kids in Norway, as these sad news came in from where he just breathed out for the last time.

All the best for Rays memory. What a blessing he's been to our family and many others. So much joy to remember, form his life and gracious gifting.

Gratitude and thankfulness for your life and your wondrous impact in our lives, dear Ray

Steinar Almelid - March 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AL

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DB

“ I've been blessed and honored to have known Mr Lefebvre for a very long time , he was the most honorable man I believe I've ever known , he was stern,fair, and just, he was committed to his family his God and his Country. Mr Lefebvre taught so many how to be the best they can be "by example" I will forever be grateful for the times I got to spend with him, and I will be forever grateful to him for being the role model he was and will be for my children and grandchildren for the rest of their lives. May God bless you and your family

David

David Beverly - March 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ A great soldier and friend rest in peace who have done your duty here on earth

Matt Dillon - March 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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BF

“ To Ann and family, the thought that Ray won't be at our 1/7th Reunions saddens me. I was a Platoon Leader in Company C at LZ Xray and would visit with Ray when he was in Martin Army Hospital when I would go for treatments for my own wounds. You may remember when you, Ray, Sara and I explored the old Jamestown Settlement together...wish we could do it one more time. Because of some health issues that my wife and I are both experiencing we will have to be with you only in our thoughts and prayers. If you need a friend to talk to, call at anytime...321-266-3396.

Bill Franklin - February 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of LTC Lefebvre and his family during my father's assignment at Fort Leavenworth. My thoughts and prayers are with the Lefebvre family during this difficult time. God bless LTC Lefebvre.

J Chesney - February 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My heart is saddened by the loss of such a wonderful man. I spent many days and nights at his house. Mr. Lefebvre as well as his wife touched my life more than they can ever know. My prayers go out to his family. RIP you will be missed very much. God definitely received another angel.

Jeannine Duchaine - February 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM