



## Earl Paul Basher

September 25, 1943 - August 11, 2022

Earl Paul Basher, of Nokesville, VA, passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2022, in his home after a long battle with cancer. He was 78. He is survived by his children: Andrea, Claire, Tera, Javier, and Victor. In addition to his parents, Earl is predeceased by his brother Richard, his sisters Bonnie and Janie, and his faithful dog Pepper.

Earl did not live an average life. He was born on September 25, 1943, in Buffalo, New York, where he was raised by Victor and Olga Basher on the family farm with his three brothers: Richard, Randy, and Jeff and two sisters: Bonnie and Janie. He attended the University of Purdue where he earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Following college, he volunteered to join the Marine Corps and quickly deployed in 1966 to Vietnam. Earl served in Vietnam from 1966-1970. Although he did not speak about his time in Vietnam often, Earl's was extremely proud to be a Marine. For his service, Earl earned a Bronze Star with V-Device, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 8 campaign stars, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Marine Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and achieved the rank of Captain.

Following his time in the Marine Corps, Earl moved to Prince William County,

and ultimately settled in Nokesville, VA where he raised his children. Over the course of his life, he worked in various areas of farming, maintenance, and construction, before working for Prince William County until he retired in 2006. In retirement, Earl enjoyed road trips, classic cars, photography, and spoiling his grandchildren.

Earl also supported numerous Veteran's groups and causes. He made regular charitable donations to Veteran's associations of all of the military services as well as numerous wildlife preserves and foundations.

A memorial service will be held at 1400 on Sunday August 21, 2022 at Pierce Funeral Home (9609 Center St, Manassas, VA). Following the service, Earl's family will host a reception at his home in Nokesville, VA, beginning at 1600. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a memorial donation be made in his name to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. They further request that you have a cold Modelo or a glass of Wild Turkey in his honor. Earl will be greatly missed by the many lives he touched.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I was fortunate to share the same Cary dorm as Earl. His room was on the same floor as mine. As I remember, he was former high school wrestler as was I. He did wrestle for Purdue as a light weight. We did have our spars on the lawn at the dorm. He always won even though I was 30 pounds heavier. Fond memories we have a late 70s and 80's.

*Dick Buehler*

Richard Buehler - January 19, 2024 at 12:47 PM

DC

“ Good afternoon from Purdue University land. I'm Danny 'Rabbit' Collins - Earl's Cary Hall hallmate (lived next door to him for 2 years) and friend for 3 years! I am sorry to hear of his fate. We had many good times in those 3 short years and I knew he was joining the marines after Purdue. I totally lost track of him after that. My condolences....

Dan Collins - January 13, 2024 at 01:31 PM

GM

“ Greg & Amy Murphy lit a candle in memory of Earl Paul Basher



Greg & Amy Murphy - August 21, 2022 at 11:47 AM

CI

“ On behalf of Certified Incorporated please accept our sincerest condolences.

Certified Incorporated - August 18, 2022 at 12:32 PM



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**Pierce Funeral Home** - August 17, 2022 at 08:39 AM

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“ *Mark Alex Eric Chris Alan Brandon purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Earl Paul Basher.*



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**Mark Alex Eric Chris Alan Brandon** - August 15, 2022 at 02:39 PM