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Colonel Garry A. Scharberg (United States Army, Retired), 87, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 2, 2024, in Fauquier County, Virginia. His life was guided by his love of family and country. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kathleen, his children, and grandchildren. A man of deep faith, he dedicated his private life to service through church ministries and local community charities.

Garry was born to Floyd and Velma (Gifford) Scharberg on September 25, 1937, in Rochester, Minnesota. He and his sisters and brother grew up on family farms in the Rochester area through the war years. The family fell in love with the Black Hills of South Dakota and relocated to Hill City in 1948. While attending school, Garry wrangled horses, herded cattle, and became a cowboy. He went to Minnesota to complete and graduate from the School of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, moved to Colorado to work in a uranium mine and a copper mine, and returned to South Dakota to be a member of a survey crew with the State Highway Department.

He was a graduate of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering in 1960. Garry received his commission into the Ordnance Corps of the United States Army in 1961 as a Distinguished Military Graduate, ROTC. Military training included the Ordnance Basic and Career Courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Logistics Executive Development Course, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He received a Master of Science in Logistics Management from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1969. In 1982 he was designated Master Logistician.

Army assignments included Assistant Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command (Alexandria, Virginia); 27th Commander of Red River Army Depot (Texarkana, Texas); Director of the National Inventory Control Point and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (Warren, Michigan); Commander of the 544th Maintenance Battalion, 194th Armored Brigade (Fort Knox, Kentucky); Commander of the 85th Ordnance Company (Republic of Vietnam); Plans and Programs Officer and Executive Officer to the Commander, Defense General Supply Center (Richmond, Virginia); Advisor to the Saudi Arabian Ordnance Corps (Saudi Arabia); and postings to the Seventh Army Support Command, Federal Republic of Germany; U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command, Fort Huachuca, Arizona; U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen, Maryland; and Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army, Washington, DC.

Garry's chief awards and decorations received during his distinguished 30-year military career include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Republic of

Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation. On his military retirement, he was a program director for the Raytheon Company supporting the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command and Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan. Finally, in 1999, Garry and Kathleen began their mutual retirement filled with a shared love of travel and visiting family.

A private visitation will be held at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, Virginia, on December 15. A funeral service will be held at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Meyer with a graveside service following in Arlington National Cemetery.

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi  
(Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## Still A Soldier

by Timothy Emmons

I lay here today a soldier  
I know some don't understand  
I will try to explain  
So maybe you can  
I served my country  
For many a year  
I retired long ago  
The soldier still here  
I put on my uniform  
I wore it to foreign lands  
The soldier I was  
Is still in the man  
I have been a husband, father, and friend  
To some of you here  
But I've been a soldier all along  
Even after so many a year  
My final salute  
I render today  
I'm still a soldier  
I'm just on my way.

# Cemetery Details

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

1 Memorial Ave  
Arlington, VA 22211  
(877) 907-8585

# Tribute Wall

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“ Col Scharberg and I served in TACOM from on or about 1983-1986. He was a great mentor. I enjoyed our association very much. I served in the Maintenance Directorate at Red River Army Depot from 1974-1977. Interesting where we find our Army colleagues in our later years  
Best Regards sir. Frank Turner, LTC (Ret)

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**Frank Turner** - March 03, 2025 at 05:30 PM

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*Thank you for sharing such nice words about my dad. My mom remembers you and wishes you all the best.*

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**Klea Scharberg** - March 11, 2025 at 12:38 PM

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*Thank you so much for inviting us to Great Grandpa Scharberg's burial. Family means a lot to me as there's so many i haven't met yet. It also meant the world to my Grandma and and Mom to be able to come. I hope we can meet again in the future and God bless you and i'm so sorry for your loss ❤️ - Jordan Nguyen*

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**Jordan Nguyen** - August 23, 2025 at 01:01 AM