



# Michael Andrew Vargosko

June 12, 1937 - June 22, 2019

Michael Andrew Vargosko, 82, a retired Army Colonel who was a tanker and Vietnam War veteran, died of stomach cancer June 22, 2019, at his home in Gainesville, Virginia.

Col. Vargosko, who was born in Bridgeport, CT began his military career in 1959 as an Army ROTC graduate from Virginia Military Institute.

A tanker and armor officer, he served two tours in Vietnam during the war there and later commanded an armor battalion in Texas.

Col. Vargosko, who also received a master's degree in Journalism from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, served as Editor-in-Chief of Armor Magazine. In his final assignment, he was Chief of Media Relations for the U.S. Army based at the Pentagon. His combat military decorations included the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal; non-combat decorations included the Army Commendation Medal and the Legion of Merit. Col. Vargosko was also an Airborne Ranger. He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

After retiring from active military duty in 1982, he worked for defense contractors including SRA from which he retired in 2002.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Julia Victoria Vargosko of Gainesville; two sons, Michael A. Vargosko, Jr. of Warsaw, Poland, and John C. Vargosko of Charlotte, NC.

Col. Vargosko will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on Wednesday, August 19, at 1:00pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Previous Events

## Burial

AUG 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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