



William "Buff" Chambers, 72, of Essex, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at his home. A celebration of life memorial graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 1:00 pm at the Essex Cemetery with Pastor Gordon Scott officiating. Military honors will be accorded by the Shenandoah American Legion Post #88. The family will greet relatives and friends with visitation on Friday evening, January 7, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Nishna Valley Funeral and Cremation Service in Shenandoah. The family requests those attending the services to wear casual attire and if so inclined, to wear their favorite plaid shirt in honor of Buff (he was fond of his plaid shirts). Memorials are being directed to the Friends of Army Aviation, the Essex Firefighters Association or to the Essex Faith Covenant Church.

OBITUARY:

William Dennis (Buff) Chambers was born on June 7, 1949, to Donald and June (Hall) Chambers. He was raised on the family farm north of Anderson, Iowa where he attended grade school. He then graduated from Sidney, Iowa High School with the Class of 1967.

In 1968, he enlisted in the Army to fly helicopters. Buff spent 16 months in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged on December 31, 1970. He then worked at Eaton Corporation for almost 39 years.

He met and married the love of his life, Carol Porter in 1973. To this union two sons were born, Douglas and Darin.

Buff loved to hunt, fish and do gardening. He loved working with wood with his father-in-law at the "Splinter Shop". Buff's walnut burial urn was made by his nephew, Nathan Greenwalt.

He loved to spend time with his grandchildren and attend their sporting events. He enjoyed seeing Eaton friends and catching up and reminiscing about their days at work.

Peacefully, Buff passed away on Tuesday morning, January 4, 2022, surrounded by his family after several years of declining health as a result of agent orange use in Vietnam.

Preceding him in death were his parents; father-in-law, Duane Porter; brother, Don Chambers; and brother-in-law, Dan Chambers. He was also preceded in death by several young men that died too soon; A.D. (Albert) Benson, Charles John Hein, Robert D. Harris, James Emch, William F. Walters, Tommy H. Ivey, John T. Orrico, Ronald L. Vanlandingham and Ronald Pullman. He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Essex, IA; two sons, Doug (Melissa) Chambers of Essex, IA,

and Darin (Emily) Chambers of Dexter, IA; seven grandchildren, Austine (Jordan) Behrens, Jordan, Camryn, Rhys, Hayden, Liam and Evelyn Chambers; great-granddaughter, Ellie Behrens; sister, Anne Chambers; sister-in-law, Kay Chambers; mother-in-law, Dorothy Porter; brother-in-law, David (Vickie) Porter; sisters-in-law Joyce (Mike) Portz and Donna (Todd) Greenwalt; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

He will be missed by many who knew and loved him.