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Gary Wayne Wiele, 76, of Brimfield, passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born January 16, 1943 in Burlington, IA to Wayne and Betty (Leaverton) Wiele. He married Alma K. Kataoka on October 4, 1975.

She survives along with his two stepdaughters Lisa E. (James) Vrchota of Elmwood, IL and Lori A. (Timothy) Meaney of Ridgewood, NJ. , as well as his grandchildren J. Brandon Vrchota of Elmwood, IL, Douglas Vrchota of West Peoria, IL, Cal Vrchota of Peoria, IL, Elise Vrchota of West Peoria, IL, and Erin and Gavin Meaney of Ridgewood, NJ. Also surviving is his sister Nancy Frank of Chillicothe, IL as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins of which he was closest to Susan (Mike) Moses of Cedar Rapids, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He graduated from Galesburg High School, attended University of Iowa, then joined the US Navy and served as a hospital corpsman until he was honorably discharged in 1969. He retired from Illinois Department of Transportation in 2002. He loved spending time with his many friends but especially with his best furry buddies, Scooter and Sonic. He enjoyed trains, planes, and automobiles, as well as woodworking, photography and feeding and watching his backyard birds. In 2015 he was a participant of the Honor Flight from Peoria, IL to Washington, D.C. in recognition of his active military service during the Vietnam War. He was extremely proud of his military service and this flight was a highlight in his life.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield. Military honors will be conducted. Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Gary. Condolences may be left to his family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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LN

Linda Nicot posted:

My sincere condolences to you and your family at this difficult time.

January 9 at 11:39 PM

JE

Jerry Elam posted:

So sorry for your loss

January 4 at 1:47 PM

KB

K Burkitt posted:

Please accept my deepest condolences on Gary's passing. We have all lost a real gentleman.

January 2 at 12:41 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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