



Gerard Francis Melis

September 5, 1946 - July 12, 2014

Gerard Francis Melis, Sr. "Gerry" was born September 5, 1946 in Washington D.C. to Gerard and Mary (Wiley) Melis during their service in the US Army and Navy, respectively. He was raised in Tilden, Nebraska where his parents were education professionals.

Gerry is survived by his wife and best friend of 34 years, Bonnie (Dittrich), three children: Gerard F. Melis, Jr. "G.J." and wife Malea of Bennington, NE; Heather Field and husband Duncan of U.K., and Jennifer Sokol and husband Todd of Omaha, NE. Also survived by the pride of his life, his six grandchildren; Bryce & Bria (G.J), Dayton, Carter and Cassidy (Jennifer) and Graeme (Heather).

A graduate of Tilden High School, he later attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and graduated from Wayne State College where he was active in the theater department. He joined the U.S. Navy to serve his country during the Viet Nam War. Gerry was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Air, serving from 1968 to 1972 aboard the fighter ship Bon Homme Richard off the coast of Vietnam.

Gerry was a member of the Tangier Shriners™, a Master Mason with the Masonic Lodge Miloma, a member of the Scottish Rite, and past president of the Tangier Corvette Club, all in Omaha, NE. Gerry is also a past volunteer of Make-A-Wish as a wish granter. He has dedicated his life to his family and his many volunteer projects, especially to the children cared for by his organizations.

Gerry was diagnosed and treated for stage 4 lung cancer in 2005. Although cancer free, he suffered from COPD and congestive heart disease. He fought a courageous battle without complaint and kept his faith in his Lord, who has taken him Home on July 12, 2014 to be without pain and suffering.

A celebration of life service will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn at 10:30 AM. No visitation and private interment. Military honors to be provided by American Legion Post #1.

Memorials to the Tangier Shrine of Omaha, NE.

Tribute Wall



“ Gerard Francis Melis

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ Bonnie and family, wishing you peace in the knowledge of Gerry's now being with The Lord. May his memory always bring you joy and a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gina

Gina Borgelt - July 20, 2014 at 08:38 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sending our sypmathies.
Jan and Larry

Jan and Larry Bartee - July 17, 2014 at 02:12 PM