



**Guthrie, Marvin Leon**

1942-2023

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Marvin Leon Guthrie, 80, “discovered America,” as he would say, in Decatur on Dec. 4, 1942. He was born to Morris Doff and Regina Lois Guthrie. He went to be with the Lord on Aug. 8, 2023, in Jamestown, North Dakota.

He was predeceased by his mother and father, his mother and father-in-law, and his brother and sister-in-law. His cremains will be interred at a later date at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Marvin graduated from Decatur High School in 1961 and joined the United States Navy in 1962. He did three tours to Vietnam from 1962-1966. After his military service, he applied and was accepted to the Texas Department of Public Safety as a state trooper after completing required training. He was a state trooper from 1967-1993 and served in Driver’s License, Warrants, License and Weight and he ended his career as a sergeant investigator in the Criminal Law Enforcement department where he worked in the auto theft division.

After retiring from Texas DPS, he decided that he was too young to be completely retired, so he went to work for Southwest Airlines in the Corporate Security department from 1994-2002. He loved working at Southwest because he loved people, and he loved working for Herb Kelleher and Colleen Barrett.

After retiring from SWA, his wife, Kay, decided that he needed something else to occupy his time while she was golfing. So, he worked for Classic Chevrolet doing dealer trades throughout Texas. He loved driving the new cars and trucks without having to pay for them.

Marvin loved his extended family. His son, Brian, his wife, Kay, his sister and brother-in-law, JoAnn and Gary Schimmel and his brother-in-law, Trey. He also had several nieces and nephews who he adored: Donna and Jordan, Morris, Kim and Bill, Michelle and Doug, Lori and Breck, Trent and Karen and Holly.

Kay and Marvin were married in Oct. 1979 and enjoyed almost 44 years together. They loved to travel and visited many countries including Mexico, Russia, South America, Canada, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Ireland, Scotland and England. They were life members of the National Corvette Museum, so they loved their road trips to Kentucky where they would drive their Corvette to the museum. Their last road trip in the United States ended suddenly in North Dakota.

Celebration of life services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel in Granbury. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.