



George E. Copher

September 25, 1937 - September 14, 2017

George E. Copher, 79 years of Gwinn, passed away on Thursday September 14, 2017 at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans.

He was born in Seaman, Ohio on September 25, 1937, the son of the late John and Opal (Rogers) Copher. He married the former Barbara MacDougall-Niemi on January 1, 1984 at the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base.

George was a graduate of Winchester High School and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 until 1967 with tours in Vietnam, Morocco & other places. He received a Purple Heart while serving in Vietnam. Upon discharge he worked for the U.S. Civil Service as Chief of Disaster Preparedness at several bases. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Civil Service in 1994 after 40 total years of government service. He was a member of Marquette Lodge #101 Free & Accepted Masons and many other branches of Free Masonry, including Ahmed Temple Shrine. He was also the past president of the State Michigan Air Force Association. In his free time, George enjoyed golfing, snowmobiling and was an avid hunter.

He is survived by his wife, Barb of Gwinn; children, Lela Renee Copher and her fiancé, Mike Hougom of Margate, FL; Wayne Alex Niemi and Penny Michelle Niemi both of Cedar Springs, MI; Todd Richard (Dana) Niemi of Amarillo, TX. Paulette (Gordon) Lynch of Virginia, and Everett Alex

(Marguerite) Copher; 14 grandchildren and many great grandchildren; his sister, E. Girvan (Ron) Johnson of Highland Park, CO; also several nieces and nephews.

Friends and Family are invited to a 1:00 viewing at Lewis Sullivan Funeral Home, on Sunday September 24, 2017, in Seaman before a 2:00 graveside service that will be held at Mt. Leigh Cemetery with military rites performed by the Adams County Honor Guard.

The family requests memorials be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital, 3229 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229 or the D. J. Jacobetti Activity Fund, 425 Fisher Street, Marquette, MI 49855.

To sign our online guestbook visit us at www.wallacethompsonfuneralhomes.com

Sunday, September 24, 2017

1:00 PM

Sunday, September 24, 2017

2:00 PM

Tribute Wall

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“ George was a loyal friend at Winchester School. We always stood up for each other. He was a good hitter on our softball team with deceptive power. I understand he later played baseball.

Gordon S Roberts of Fairborn, Ohio - September 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ The Ripley-Lieutenant Byrd Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution extend our sympathy on the loss of your loved one. We are grateful for his service to our great nation.

Ripley-Lieutenant Byrd Chapter/NSDAR of Ripley, Ohio - September 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM