


David Earl Minnich
(September 13, 1950 - June 8, 2007)

 David Earl Minnich, 56, of Berne, Indiana passed away on June 8, 2007 in the Adams Memorial Hospital located in Decatur, Indiana. David was born on September 13, 1950 in Wells County, Indiana, the son of the late Clarence Minnich and the late Mildred (Neuenschwander) Minnich.



David attended grade school in Berne, Indiana and in 1963 he and his family moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming. In Wyoming he joined the First Baptist Church where he was active in the "The Boys Brigade". David graduated from Cheyenne East High School where he participated in baseball and basketball. He was a veteran of the Viet Nam War, serving with the United States Marine Corp as an aircraft engine mechanic. David was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Upon leaving the military, he returned to Wyoming and became an ironworker. He worked on many new major power plants throughout the state. In the 1990's, he returned to Indiana and worked as a welder for Fruhauf and then at Wabash National in Lafayette, Indiana for several years. Later he returned to Berne, Indiana in 2002, working as a driver for many members of the Amish community. As a Vietnam War Veteran, David was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 675 in Geneva, Indiana and a member of the Berne American Legion Post 468. David enjoyed fishing, birdwatching, reading and crossword puzzles. David loved his family, God, and his country.

David is survived by three sisters: Jacqueline (Bob) Rienecker of Santa Rosa, California; Norma Rose (Jon) Agler of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Kathryn (Kim) Taylor of Alexandria, Virginia. He is also survived by nine nieces and nephews: Kim Wulliman (Mark) Van Emon of Chesterfield, Missouri; Kraig R. (Christine) Wulliman of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Katrina Wulliman (Tom) Jones of Berne, Indiana; Rob Rienecker of Pompano Beach, Florida; Elizabeth Rienecker (Dr. Matthew) Stubblefield of Santa Rosa, California; Lynne Agler (Troy) Klepper of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Lisa Agler (Wes) Christopherson of Aurora, Colorado; Marisa Lynne Taylor of Alexandria, Virginia; and Lindsay Marie Taylor of Alexandria, Virginia.

David was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Connie Wulliman.

A Memorial Service will be conducted by the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home of Berne, Indiana at the M.R.E. Cemetery Chapel located in Berne, Indiana, on Saturday, June 20, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Military Graveside services will be conducted by the American Legion Post 468 of Berne, Indiana with interment to follow at the cemetery.

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