



Col. Denis J. Swenie IV

January 1, 1946 - September 7, 2017

Colonel Denis J. Swenie (US Army Retired) passed away on Thursday September 7, 2017 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan. Denis was born on January 1, 1946 in Fort Riley, Kansas to Denis J. III and Ann (nee Calkin) Swenie. Denis made service to his country his life's work enlisting in the Army in May of 1966 entering as a Private. Following his first enlistment Denis attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. Denis eventually rose to the rank of Colonel before retiring from the Army. Col. Swenie was awarded with the Bronze Star with V device for valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Comp. Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, U.S. Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Ribbon, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Following his retirement from the US Army Col. Swenie occupied his time with his service to the US Postal Service where he was a letter carrier. Denis is the beloved husband of Lorraine. Loving step-father of Rick (Beverly) Pineo, Proud grandfather of Stephen (Dimana) Pineo and Nicholas Pineo. Dear brother of Ann "Kathy" Scott, Kevin (Mary Anne) Swenie, and Shannon (Kim) Hadley. Dear uncle of Michael (Nancy) Scott and Kathleen Reising. Funeral Monday 10:30 AM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Visitation Sunday 2-8 PM at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers please consider memorial contributions to Wreaths Across

America to provide wreaths for all of our fallen heroes. <http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/?gclid=CMuC-s-mNYCFQ6QaQod2LYLNg> Please use Group ID #MI0023 and Location ID MIRUCT . Denis will be interred at Resurrection Cemetery in their Military Section. Donations that are made in his name will be used to purchase wreaths for the graves of veterans buried there.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 286-9020

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Funeral Service

SEP **11**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Lorraine praying that God will lift you up and comfort you through this difficult time. Remember the good times that we all had together. I know what you are going through since I have been there if you need to talk or anything I am there

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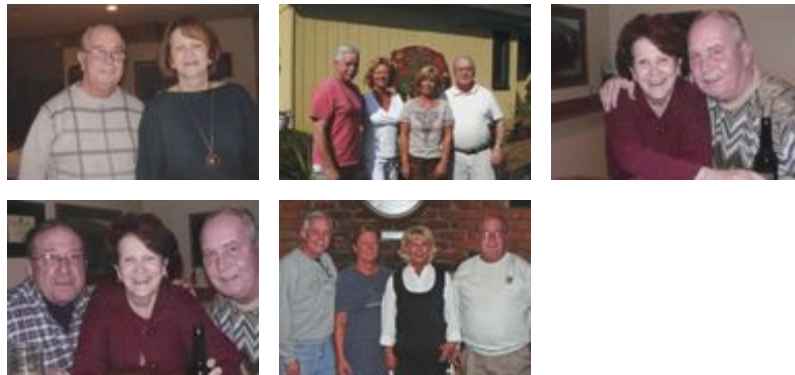
“ I was privileged to command the 70th Training Division when Denis was the commander of the Training Support Brigade. He was an outstanding officer who was respected by his peers and the soldiers who served with him. I was particularly impressed by his dedication to military service which saw him wounded in combat in Vietnam and by recognition of his abilities through promotion from private to colonel. He is missed by many who served with him.

James Pocock
Major General (Retired) U.S. Army

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