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Obituary

Retired CSM Jerry L. Grace, 73, passed away Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Frederick Memorial Hospital. Mr. Grace was the husband of Linda Marie Grace. Married on January 20, 1968, Jerry and Linda were happily married for 50 years. Born on May 14, 1944 in Greenville, KY he was the late son of Elmer Lewis and Connie Aileen Grace (Walker) and a member of the Church of Christ. Mr. Grace spent his youth in Greenville, KY in a farming community, graduating from Greenville High School in 1962 before joining the armed forces and was assigned to the US Army basic training in Ft. Jackson, South Carolina on June 6, 1962. He was assigned to the Army Security Agency and proceeded to serve 22 years and 9 months as a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War. His distinguished military career included embassy stations and military intelligence work with Unit 10 around the globe. CSM Grace ultimately retired with full honors at the rank of Command Sergeants Major in the 522 Military Intelligence Battalion on March 1, 1985 from Ft. Hood, Texas. During the course of his military career Mr. Grace earned several degrees in civilian and military academia to include a degree in Business Administration and Engineering. Mr. Grace followed his military career by working for first Watkins Johnson and then General Dynamics where he retired from in November of 2010. Following his retirement he became a government contracting consultant for the next three years ultimately retiring to spend time with his family in June of 2013. Upon full retirement, Mr. Grace could often be found tinkering in the yard or soaking up as much time with his wife Linda in their own enjoyments after years of dedicated service and hard work. He was a loving husband, amazing father, a devoted grandfather, brother, son and an American patriot. His best days were anywhere his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all gathered be it around the carport, pool, vacations or simply the living room to visit



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or celebrate life as a family. He is survived by his wife Linda Grace of Walkersville, his son Anthony L. Grace (wife Donna) of Waynesboro, PA; his daughter Tina M. Grace of Rohrsersville, MD; his sister Vanita L. Jenkins (husband Gaithel) of Greenville, KY, brothers Paul G. Grace (wife Barbara); and Ronnie E. Grace (wife Donna); his grandchildren Caitlin M. Kirkpatrick, Rachel A. Kirkpatrick, Ryan D. Hawn, Allie M. Grace and Jared A. Grace; and his nine great-grandchildren Haylee M. Nuse, Brantley A. Nuse, Jackson L. Kirkpatrick, Logan J. Hoffman, Grayson S. Hoffman, Adryann D. Hawn, Bobbie J. Hawn, Dawsyn E. Hawn, and MyKena M. Riffle. He was predeceased by his brother; Bobby G. Grace of Greenville, KY. A visitation for US Army Retired, CSM Jerry L. Grace will be held on Saturday, February 3rd from 10 am to noon at the Historical Chapel at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 9501 Catoctin Mountain Highway, Frederick where a service will begin at noon with Brother Gaithel Leamon Jenkins officiating. Entombment with military honors will follow. To sign the online guestbook and leave condolences go to www.resthaven.us. Visitation Resthaven Funeral Services 9501 Catoctin Mtn Hwy Frederick, MD 21701 Saturday, February 3, 2018 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Service Resthaven Funeral Services 9501 Catoctin Mtn Hwy Frederick, MD 21701 Saturday, February 3, 2018 12:00 PM Cemetery Resthaven Memorial Gardens 9501 Catoctin Mtn Hwy Frederick, MD 21701 Saturday, February 3, 2018

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JG

Jerry L. Grace posted:

Sorry for your loss. I did not know him ,but wish I did. I know my father had relation in K.Y.

February 23 at 8:00 PM

DM

Debby Moody posted:

Jerry was a great supervisor and friend, he taught me many things about the job, I worked with him and for him at Watkins Johnson for many years, a great husband to Linda and loved his family so much. I am sorry we lost contact the last few years but Tom and I enjoyed our friendship with Jerry and his family. Jerry is in heaven now and so is Tom they will have many good talks together.

February 13 at 8:00 PM

BG

Barbara Grace posted:

Heaven has gained a Great Man who had the sweetest little grin I have ever seen. He was truly a man that loved his family. He made certain that his children and grandchildren had the opportunity to make memories with his mom and dad and all his family here in Kentucky, loading up 5 grandchildren and traveling 620 miles could not have been easy. But he and Linda made the trip look easy and came as often as they could. I will always treasure those sweet memories we made here on the farm. Jerry will be missed by so many but For every heart he touched his memory will live on. I love you all

February 4 at 8:00 PM

PB

Paula Barlet posted:

Jerry was my brother for 50 years and 7days. I first met Jerry in Paris,was he was set up with my Sister on a blind date, it was an embassy party on Halloween. Linda looked so cute in a green flapper costume. They made such a cute couple. Their wedding was so much fun. I was sixteen years old,and so blessed to have him in my life, he was so very special to me, my Mother, and my Sister. He loved her and his family with all his heart. Every time I had a problem or needed any advice in life I knew I could turn to Jerry and he would be there for me. No one could ask for a more wonderful big brother. I will miss you Jerry and I love you always and know I will see you again. May you rest in peace,knowing you are loved and will be truly missed.

February 1 at 8:00 PM



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RH

Ryan D. Hawn posted:

My Papa was truly the kindest, wisest, most amazing man I've ever known. He modeled what a man should be, with everything he did. A devoted Husband, loving Father and adoring Grandfather. Heaven has truly gained an angel. I have so many memories with him. I will forever cherish all the trips to Alaska he made to see me or bring me home, every trip to Maryland and all the adventures he and Gammy took us on... My heart will just never be the same...I know he's waiting for us and will guide us all as we continue this adventure of life without him.... I love you my sweet Papa, rest easy, I'll forever be your wild Ry a💎💎i💎💎

February 1 at 8:00 PM

LC

Lena Crown posted:

My condolences to the Grace family. I am sorry for your loss. I worked with Jerry during the Watkins-Johnson days. He was always helpful, honest and hard working man of integrity. God Bless this family, during your time of need.

February 1 at 8:00 PM

AJ

Ann James posted:

Tina and family. While I never met Jerry, I can tell how much of an impact he had not only on his family and our country. Thank you for sharing this small snippet of his life. My heart goes out to you all. I know the lost of a father all to well. Thank you Mr. Grace for your service to our country and for the honorable life you lead. May you rest in God's arms with peace and comfort. One grateful American. Ann

February 1 at 8:00 PM

PC

Patty Grace Craig posted:

I am sorry for your loss and pray for strength and peace during this difficult time.

February 1 at 8:00 PM



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CW

Charles Wagner posted:

I graduated from Greenville High School in 1962 with Jerry. I considered him as one of my good friends. I remember he lived on a hill on the North side of Paradise Rd. just outside of Greenville. I haven't seen Jerry since graduation as we all went our separate ways, but I know he went on to have a successful career and I am proud to have know him and all that he accomplished. My condolences to his wife and family.

February 1 at 8:00 PM

DO

Donnaann posted:

My Dad, Father in Law and friend. One who always was a Gentleman, Fair & Trustworthy, he had a back bone that was strong & just, who put his Family first. He Loved God and never was boisterous. He had a sense of humor and would melt your heart with his smile. He loved Momma like she was his sunshine, his kids & grandkids to the moon and family/close friends like stars. Such love, dedication and devotion is what he brought to our family. I Love you Dad and miss you. RIP

January 31 at 8:00 PM

CJ

Chris Jacklin posted:

Jerry was a very good man. I worked with him for a number of years at the Watkins-Johnson Company. He was easily my favorite among a number of great bosses there. I admired Jerry for his loyalty and intelligence and his ability to kick the smoking habit. Jerry was a great troubleshooter, taking on many difficult challenges. He often spoke with loving pride of his wife and kids. His office was always adorned with photos of his grandchildren.

January 31 at 8:00 PM

MR

Mary Lou Summers Richardson posted:

I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the entire Grace family. Although it has been many years ago since we grew up and attended school in Greenville, I remember our small class well and Jerry was a part of that "growing up memory"! He accomplished so much in his life, but it is evident that his most important accomplishment was his family. I know you will all truly miss him, but you have many happy memories to hold dear.

January 30 at 8:00 PM



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CC

Charlotte Chapman posted:

So sorry for your loss. Jerry was a Greenville High classmate.

January 30 at 8:00 PM

BA

Barbara Aboid posted:

Tina, My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. It sounds like he had a full life surrounded by people he loved and doing what he loved. God Rest His Soul.

January 30 at 8:00 PM

WW

Willie & Phyllis Walker posted:

Linda, Willie and I are so sorry for your loss. We love you so much. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to you my dear special friend and cousin by marriage.

January 29 at 8:00 PM

J8

Janneth Ignacio Marcelo (Whs '88) posted:

My sincere condolences for your loss Ms. Linda, Tina, Tony and family. I pray for peace and comfort for all of you.

January 29 at 8:00 PM

ED

Edna Jenkins Dennis posted:

Grace Family, David and I are so very sorry for the loss of your, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother and Friend. Prayers for each of you as you say your(see you later) to your loved one.

January 29 at 8:00 PM

BB

Bob Browning posted:

Linda, my deepest sympathies go out to your and your family. Jerry was a great man and I sincerely appreciated his advice and dedicated work in support of our General Dynamics work. I look back fondly at our time together. His dedication and passion to execute was contagious! I will miss him.

January 29 at 8:00 PM



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Karen Beeman posted:

I am so saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Linda and his family.

January 28 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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