

Donald Colligan, 79

May 6, 1936 - March 4, 2016

SHELBY — Donald Ray Colligan was born on May 6, 1936 in Thurston, NE and died on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan at the age of seventy-nine years.

He made the United States Army his career and while serving his country with the 11th Air Born Unit during the Vietnam War, received the following awards and medals: three Bronze Star medals, two Purple Heart medals, four Bronze Battle Stars, National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Sharpshooter Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. During Don's military career, he completed 437 combat and non-combat jumps. After 22 years of service, he retired and became a highly skilled and licensed gunsmith. Don's greatest accomplishment was his devotion to his family.

Don is survived by his wife Joan Colligan of Shelby; sons James Colligan of Omaha, NE and Keith (Cynthia) Colligan of Shelby; daughter Lisa (Rick) Knavel of Ennis, TX; two grandchildren Katie (Ryan) Reich of Auburn, WA; Chloe Knavel of Ennis, TX; and brothers Robert (Marlene) Colligan of Wisner, NE and Louis (Marilyn) Glistler, Jr. of Houston, TX.

Private services will be held March 18, 2016 at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Pender, NE. Inurnment will be held at a later date with full military honors.

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