



Mr. Ronald E. "Butch" Gleason

October 11, 1947 - March 1, 2021

Ronald (Butch) E. Gleason
Former resident of Lowell, Army Vet

LOWELL - Ronald E. (Butch) Gleason, 73, resident of Dalzell, SC, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 1, 2021 at Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

He was the husband of Pat Morrison.

Born in Lowell, MA on October 11, 1947, he was a son of the late Patrick and Dorothy (Estright) Gleason. Butch attended Lowell Schools before joining the Army, serving in Vietnam from 1967-1968 with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division.

A proud Veteran who was honored to serve his country, Butch was awarded numerous medals for his valiant service, including the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, two Purple Hearts, and two Bronze Star Medals, Valor and Good Conduct Medal.

He was a founding member of the Merrimack Valley Vietnam Veteran's Inc. of Lowell. For many years, he worked for the City of Lowell's D.P.W. and for Community Teamwork of Lowell.

He most enjoyed spending time with his family. At gatherings and annual cookouts, "Yuk-Yuk" sandwiches and making memories with loved ones always put a smile on his face. Throughout his adventurous life he enjoyed fishing, camping, sitting by the fire pit, and many road trips.

Butch had the biggest heart and would always go the extra mile to help anybody in need.

He is survived by his beloved daughters, Shelly Furtado and her significant other, John Peters Jr. of Dracut, and Laura Gleason and her significant other, William Zanolli of Lowell; his brother, Kenneth Gleason of Lowell; his sisters, Deborah Wright and husband David of Lowell, Kathleen Calden of Manchester, NH, Louise (Cindy) Rocheleau and her significant other, Bob Trainor of Lowell, Cheryl Bouchard and husband Ray of Londonderry, NH; his brother-in-law, Ernest Dickieson of Pepperell. He also leaves behind his grandchildren; Paul Furtado, Jr., Ryan Furtado and his significant other, Lori Martin, Emma Furtado, Ella Peters and Billy, April and Brady Zanolli; also many nieces and nephews.

Butch was predeceased by his brother, John (Jack) Gleason, his sister, Patricia Dickieson, and his brother-in-law, Ronnie Rocheleau.

He also leaves behind Linda, a long-time friend.

Butch considered himself the luckiest old man and would say, "Nowhere in this world is there a grandfather that is as proud of his grandchildren as I am."

FAMILY AND FRIENDS MAY CALL AT THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, ON SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 2021 FROM 10 AM UNTIL 1 PM. HIS FUNERAL SERVICE WILL FOLLOW AT 1 PM, WITH FULL UNITED STATES MILITARY HONORS.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN HIS MEMORY TO VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA AT www.VVA.org/donate.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE
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Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Military Honors

MAR 13. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CQ

“ March 25,2023.I just saw of Ron’s passing in the 196th Lt infantry booklet. I knew he was in my unit as soon as I saw the name. I like Ron am a life member. I served in the mortar platoon with Ron in July 1967. We were on an island overlooking the South China Sea. Sorry I don’t remember much after that with Ron . They disbanded the mortar platoon and we were assigned to infantry platoons
Charlie Quinn bravo6k (company commander radio operator)

Charlie Quinn - March 25, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ Mr. Ronald E. "Butch" Gleason

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM

BG

“ Laura and Shelly, so very sorry to hear the sad news. Thinking of you and sending hugs, Barbara Gilmartin

Barbara Gilmartin - March 11, 2021 at 04:10 PM

SP

“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Shelly Furtado and John Peters - March 09, 2021 at 07:19 PM

SP

We love you Dad and miss you so much.... Our memories will be with us forever !!!! I wish we didn't have to say goodbye !!! We know you will be with us forever !!! ❤️❤️❤️

Shelly Furtado and John Peters - March 09, 2021 at 07:25 PM

EF

“ *I'll miss you Gramps. I'm so honored to say that you are my grandfather. You'll forever be in my heart. I love you, keep watching down on all of us.* 🙏❤️



Emma Furtado - March 09, 2021 at 06:06 PM

SC

“ *I cant believe youre not with us anymore Grandpa :(. Seeing the family hurt, hurts me. Keep smiling and making people laugh up there. Well miss you so much* ❤️

Savanna Camara - March 09, 2021 at 02:30 PM

KC

“ *A Great brother ,always there when you need him, I am missing you so much. Love you!!!!*



Kathleen Calden - March 09, 2021 at 02:25 PM

LR

“ *The best brother & friend a person could ask for. Will surely leave a hole in the family*

Louise Rocheleau - March 09, 2021 at 02:12 PM

KG

*Hey Bro, we both been through Hell.
But we made it back alive.
Sure gonna miss you, See you when I get there..*

Ken Gleason - March 10, 2021 at 07:11 AM

DW

“ *love ya big brother u will be miss*



debbie wright - March 09, 2021 at 01:46 PM

CB

“ *You will be missed at all our family gatherings. The best big brother a girl could ask for! Always in our hearts! Love ya!!*



Cheryl Bouchard - March 09, 2021 at 01:32 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald E. "Butch" Gleason



Sean & Erin Rourke - March 09, 2021 at 12:59 PM

SE

Thank you for your service, Butch.

Sean - March 09, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald E. "Butch" Gleason



Sean & Erin Rourke - March 09, 2021 at 12:57 PM