



Lawrence "Eddy" Atwell

October 2, 1947 - January 10, 2017

Bluefield, WV- Lawrence Edward "Eddy" Atwell, 69, died Tuesday January 10, 2017 at his home.

Eddy was the son of the late Velmer A. Atwell, Sr. and Billie Jean Cline Atwell of Bluefield, WV. Survived by son, Eric Atwell (Shannon Perdue- Atwell of Pembroke Pines, FL) and beloved grandchildren Abigail Atwell and Samuel Atwell; mother of his son, Barbara Atwell; brothers, Andy Atwell and wife Terri of Montoursville, PA, and Mark Kevin Atwell and wife Ann of Powhatan, VA; sister, Rebecca Ratcliffe and husband Bob of Bluefield WV, nephews, Jeff Atwell and wife Cynthia of Bluefield WV, and John Ratcliffe of Bluefield, WV; niece, Robyn Nelsen of Seabrooke, Texas; and his feline buddy, Sox.

He graduated from Bluefield High School in 1965, attended Bluefield State College before proudly serving his Country in the 11th Armored Cavalry from 1968-1969 in Vietnam. Eddy achieved the ranking of Specialist 4. He graduated from the United States Army Armor School in 1968. He was awarded numerous awards for his service before being honorably discharged in October 1969.

Eddy was the owner and operator of East River Safety and Supply. He enjoyed fishing and boating, especially at Claytor Lake. Eddy was a devoted, loyal, and proud member of Disabled American Veterans #31, Vietnam Veterans of America #628 both of Princeton, WV and Veterans of Foreign Wars #9696 of Bluefield, VA.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday January 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Norm Arrington officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour. Military Honors will be provided by the Mercer County Honor Guard and VFW Post #9696.

Following the service Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simmons will have a reception for Eddy's family and close friends.

A private burial will be held at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

The Family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the VFW Post #9696, 131 Lovelane Street, Bluefield, VA 24605 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Lawrence Edward "Eddy" Atwell.

Cemetery Details

Southwest Virginia Veteran's Cemetery

5550 Packing Plant Road
Dublin, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence "Eddy" Atwell*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Ed was a true Patriot and always helping VFW 9696 with Poppy Drives, He will be remembered as a great VET and Friend David Leedy Adj. 9696*

David Leedy - January 19, 2017 at 04:40 PM



“ *Bill and I, along with GR and Joe Peters extend our deepest sympathy to Eddie's family. He will be missed.*

Carmelita and Bill Peters - January 19, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ *Lucas Hatfield sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence "Eddy" Atwell*



Lucas Hatfield - January 17, 2017 at 07:54 AM



Ed was a true veterans and neighbor. Gonna miss seeing him about everyday. I always Inice my garden planted hot peppers for him, but could not ever get a they wereally hot. One year I had ghost papers and got a ,those were good. Always shared my garden with him. He was a good friend and a caring neighbors . Rip. Rick and Kathy

Ricks Farmer - January 22, 2017 at 04:05 PM

LH

“ Eddie or "Ed" as we known him at the Veteran Center in will be dearly missed. We all loved to see him drive his Black Dodge Challenger to the meetings. He loved to talk about him driving a Tank--but also talked about the many sorrows that driving a Tank brought with it. Ed was a special person in our group and his seat where he sat will be looked at much differently. GOD SPEED to Ed and his Family.-----
----- I I will light a candle in his memory !!!!!



Lucas Hatfield - January 17, 2017 at 07:51 AM

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“ Barbara, Eric, Abbey, Sam and the Atwell family: I am so sorry to hear about Eddie. It is so hard to understand why we must lose those we love. Pray God wraps his arms around you and gives you comfort during this very painful time. Our condolences.

Anita (Perdue) Myers - January 13, 2017 at 10:11 PM

 Charles Damron

“ As youngsters Eddie and I along with his brother Andy enjoyed many hours of entertaining each other at one of the two homes on Toledo St. Those were some of the happiest days of our lives. Rest wee my frirnd

Charles Damron - January 13, 2017 at 06:39 PM

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Last sentemce should read "Rest Well my Friend."

Charles Damron - January 13, 2017 at 06:43 PM

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Andy and Rebecca, I am so sorry... Such a shock to hear of Eddie's passing.

Sheila - January 14, 2017 at 08:46 AM



Barbara and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for Gods comfort!

Judy Lambert - January 16, 2017 at 10:09 AM