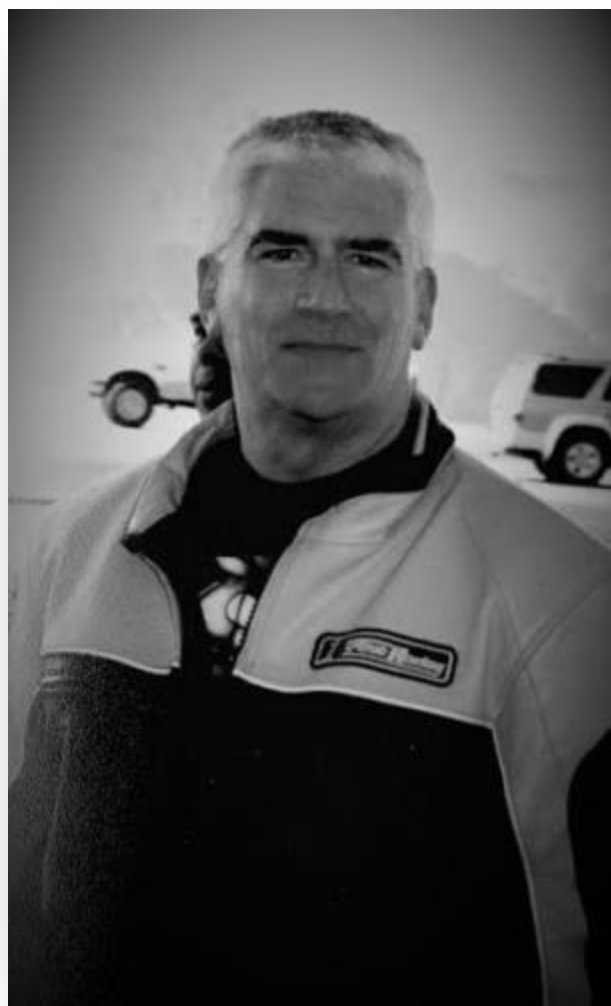


# Gary W. Burdick

1948 - 2016



**BORN** 1948

**DIED** 2016

**G**ary Wayne Burdick of Eagle River, Alaska, passed away on March 19, 2016. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Wilbur and Ruth Burdick of

Olympia, Wash. Gary was born and raised in Olympia. In 1969, Gary enlisted in the Army for three years, becoming an Aviation Warrant Officer. He flew the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter, a cargo and troop carrier, and he completed a combat tour in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division. After leaving active duty, Gary became a Washington State Trooper and worked for the Army National guard as a fixed-wing, Support Pilot, flying a variety of fixed-wing aircraft to include the UV-18 Twin Otter, the C-23 Sherpa and the C-12 King Air. He was the Safety Manager until his 2004 Military retirement as a Chief Warrant Officer Four. Among many other Military awards, he received the Legion of Merit for his exemplary service. In 2011, Gary returned to civil-service employment, working as Safety Manager for USARAK on JBER. During off time, Gary found excitement riding his Suzuki V-Strom motorcycle. He was also an avid sports enthusiast. But, there was nothing he loved more than spending time with family and friends, whether it was keeping score at Pilots baseball games and lengthy chats with his daughter, Andrea, or spending time with his son, Ryan, at the shooting range or watching him skateboard for countless hours. With his spare time, he enjoyed working up plans to refurbish a 1971 Plymouth Scamp and a "Mariners-blue" 1977 Chevy C10. Gary is survived by his wife, Dana Burdick; daughter, Andrea and her mother Robin Burdick; son, Ryan Burdick; stepdaughter, Shyana Belk; he leaves two brothers and their wives, Brad and Kathy Burdick along with Marty and Debbie Burdick; two grandsons, Elliott and Peyton Barnes; plus many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. He will also be missed by many friends and co-workers. A funeral with Military Honors is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at the National Cemetery on JBER-Richardson. Plan to be assembled at the Ft. Ricardson main gate at 1:15 p.m. The family invites all attendees to a Celebration of Life for Gary, to be held directly afterwards, from 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Russian Jack Springs Park Chalet, 1600 Lidia Selkregg Lane, Anchorage, AK 99504.

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