

Raymond Marple
June 22, 1947-September 2, 2022



Ray Marple was born June 22, 1947 in Detroit Michigan. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and trained to be a truck mechanic. After training he deployed to Vietnam where he proudly served as a UH-1 Huey door gunner with D Troop 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment.



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After his tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned to the United States and served as a mechanic at Ft. Riley Kansas before transitioning back to civilian life. Ray returned back to Detroit and was employed as a mechanic for the Ford Motor company until retiring after 30 years. While working as a civilian at Ford, Ray also continued to serve in the Michigan National Guard with Company F 425th Rangers. He proudly served his country for 14 years.

Ray enjoyed riding motorcycles, especially his Triumph Bonneville Bobber. Ray won an award for driving the most miles in his first year of ownership.



He also liked to express his individuality by wearing a “Mohawk” haircut, and an outrageous “Fu Manchu” mustache. He occasionally wore a Scottish Kilt to emphasize his family’s Scottish heritage as in this photo of Ray and Peggie from the 2018 2/1Cavalry Reunion in Colorado Springs CO.



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The membership even made Ray a special cap to accommodate his “Mohawk”.



Ray is survived by his lovely wife Peggie of 33 years. Ray was a loving and kind man and was a man of his word. He will be missed by all those he touched and with whom he served.

Ray has made the Cavalry Trooper’s Journey to “Fiddler’s Green”, the mythical place of safety and rest in Cavalry lore. Relax in the cool shade of the grass there Ray, and enjoy a sip from your canteen. The rest of your fellow Troopers will be along soon.