



Lance Bruce Deke

December 14, 1954 - June 18, 2017

Lance Bruce Deke was born December 14, 1954, in Newport, CA, to Calvin Baird and Sally Jane Wade. Lance enlisted in the U.S. Navy and made a career out of it. He proudly served and retired as an engineer from the U.S. Navy after 22 years of faithful service. He received several accolades and medals while serving, including the Navy Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. We will forever be grateful for the sacrifices he and his family made to honor our country.

Lance married Edith Roseblock on September 13, 1981, in Chula Vista, CA, and they renewed their vows in Rockwall, TX, on September 15, 2016. They had two beautiful daughters, Michelle and Melissa, whom he adored. Being in the military, they moved around the country before settling in Texas. Lance was a military man indeed. He was meticulous, organized, punctual and more than a bit stubborn at times, but we all knew it was just how he was. He was caring, loving, kind and generous, and took wonderful care of Edith, his beloved mother in law, Erma, and his girls. Once grandchildren came into his life, Lance fell in love once again with his grandbabies, and they too loved their "Pappy." His presence will truly be missed but shall always be remembered when gazing upon the garden that he so lovingly tended.

His life and legacy will continue to be honored and remembered by his loving wife, Edith Deke of Rockwall, TX; his daughters: Michelle Akins of Dallas, TX, and Melissa Akins of Dallas, TX; his grandchildren: Alexander Burden, Joshua McCauley, Allison Burden, Kaylee Rivera, Ashlyn Rivera, Kyle McCauley and Jakob McCauley; his "Ma," Erma Patterson of Rockwall, TX; his best friend of 20 years, Charles Taylor of Mesquite, TX; relatives: Robert & Carol Torstrom of Lebanon, OR, Pete & Sherrie Phillips of Concho, AZ; and many other relatives and close friends.

Graveside services will be held 12:30pm, Thursday, June 22, 2017, at DFW National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway in Dallas. Memorials can be made in his honor to: Patriot Guard Riders.

“And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings; Bear you on the breath of dawn; Make you to shine like the sun; And hold you in the palm of His Hand.” - Michael Joncas

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Events

JUN **Graveside Service** 12:30PM
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DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX, US, 75211

Comments



“ Vicki C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Lance Bruce Deke.

Vicki C. - June 21, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ When we had been married a few months, Lance wanted to go fishing. So off we go with all the stuff to fish with and a tent to sleep in, we were so excited, the lake was closed on Mondays!!!!!! He was so upset, we sat around and went for a long walk and then "Lance said, well we can not watch tv we should go home". The last time we went fishing. It was funny but we never did that again.

Edith Deke - June 21, 2017 at 04:37 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Lance's passing. You all were always so good to me, hosting me in your home when I was a very young Marine straight out of boot camp and away from home. - Josh

Josh Flory - July 08, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ I love you, brother, with all my heart. No more pain, just rest in God's loving arms. I will see you soon.

Rickey Deke Wilson - July 08, 2017 at 08:06 PM



“ Thank you to everyone with your overwhelming love and kindness to our family during this horrible time. Family and friends from coast to coast with calls, cards, donations to Disabled Veterans and the Patriot Riders. The girl's and I miss him with every heart beat, we will see him again in Heaven. Thank you again.

Edith Deke - August 04, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ So sorry to hear that my half brother passed away. I haven't seen him since we were kids. This is his brother, Stephen. His brother Jesse is in Reno, Nevada. My phone number is 775-722-200-9173, call me. Ricky, so sorry. RIP Lance. Love you!

Steve Baird - November 03, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ Steve Baird. 775-722-2917

Steve Baird - November 27, 2017 at 11:42 AM