

Mr. Richard Allan Erstad, 67, of 2145 Burrell Road, Little Falls, Town of Salisbury, New York, died Sunday Morning June 16, 2013 at his residence after an extended illness.

Richard was born on April 16, 1946 in Crookston, Minnesota the son of the late Miles G. and Mae M. (Benson) Erstad and was a high school graduate.

A veteran of the Viet Nam War, he served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1964 until he was discharged in April 1985 with the rank of Master Sergeant. While serving his country he earned the following military honors- The Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation medal, NCO Professional Military Education Ribbon w/1 device, Air Force Longevity Services Award Ribbon w/4 devices, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Service Long Tour Ribbon, Viet nam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/5 oak leaf clusters.

His marriage to the former Marilyn Schultz took place on April 30, 1988 in Lee Center, New York.

Rich was first employed by the Sears Company of New Hartford for 12 years and most recently by the Zipp hardware Store on Mani Street, Dolgeville for 15 years retiring from there in 2009.

He was a member of the former Lions club of Dolgeville and personally enjoyed fishing and his gardens at his residence.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn, his brothers and their wives; Orville & Marilyn Erstad, of the state of Washington, Gerald & Susan Erstad, of Minnesota, Donald & Donnela-Erstad, of North Dakota, his brother-in law and his fiancé' Francis Schultz and Mary Jane Loiciano, of Utica, his sisters- in-law; Carol Olson, of Florida, Dolores Mathey, of Whitesboro, Lois Veazy, of Stanwix, NY, several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Also his canine companion "Bozz". He was predeceased by a nephew Craig Erstad in 1964.

In keeping with his wishes there are no calling hours or services at this time. They are private at the convenience of the family.

Memorials may be sent to the S & S Ambulance Corps, PO Box 441, Salisbury Center, NY 13454

A message of sympathy or a remembrance of Richard may be sent to the family at: robertsandenea.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brian A. Roberts of the Roberts & Enea Funeral Home 3 Faville Avenue Dolgeville, New York.