



## Mr. Gregory Wayne Russie

February 12, 1949 - August 10, 2018

Gregory Wayne Russie, 69, died peacefully at home surrounded by family in Lutz, Florida, on Friday, August 10, 2018 after a battle with cancer. He was born on February 12, 1949 in Marshalltown, Iowa, to Dale Eugene "Gene" and Donna Mae Van Slyke Russie, and he grew up in Conrad, Iowa. He was drafted into the United States Army in June 1968, and served in the Vietnam War as a Combat Medic. He later accepted two direct commissions into the United States Air Force as a pharmacist, where he retired in 2002 after more than 20 years of service, and then worked in the public sector. He loved his family, traveling, going to the theatre, and fishing trips to Canada with his brother and nephew. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 15 years, Shannon Reynolds Russie; daughters, Wendy Harp (Mike), Jennifer Cantley (David), Kristina Russie, Andrea Russie (Matt Rasmussen), and Jessi Nutt; siblings, Connie Ford of Gig Harbor, Washington, and Cyndee Hilderbrand (Ron), Deb Stahl (Steve), and Barry Russie (Shirley), all of Marshalltown; grandchildren, Emily, Steven, Andrew, Tyler, Kyle, Shelby, Dillin, Nathan, Ryan, and his newest love, Coraline. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Vicki Youngbear. Private service with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust at [dav.org](http://dav.org), and/or to your local hospice organization. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).



# Cemetery Details

**Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA

# Tribute Wall

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“ There are no words! My deepest sympathies to all for your loss. For me, Greg was an amazing friend, coach and Air Force Officer. He took me under his wing when no one else would -- I can honestly say I would have never made Major if it were not for him. We caught up a while back when I was talking about the importance of 'mentorship' to my pharmacy students -- I wanted him to know how lasting his impact was on me even years after retirement for both of us. I know he is in a better place, in great company -- but that does not take away the sadness. Sending prayers from Texas

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**Deb Strong** - August 21, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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“ So missed. So thankful he came out to Seattle and we got to spend time with him, now that time and memories are even more valuable. What I love about Uncle Greg is no matter how much time had passed between visits there was no loss in feeling of closeness. That's something special with all the Russies. He loved us, we love him and his children meant the world to him. Hugs to all. Uncle Greg, love you so much, not going to say goodbye but hope to see you again. Love you.

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**Michael Frier** - August 20, 2018 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Russie Family, Please accept my sincere condolences and prayers at this tough time. I worked with Greg at Wilford Hall. He was a great friend while we were working together and always kept the patient in his mind as he made decisions.*

*I remember after we both retired (myself in 2005) I caught up with Greg at Fort Leonardwood and we had lunch and caught up. It was great to see him and go over great Air Force times together.*

*Again, I know he is in a better place and I hope over time this brings you peace and comfort.*

*Bob Berkheiser  
USAF (retired)*

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**Robert Berkheiser** - August 20, 2018 at 12:44 PM

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“ *Greg left a lasting impression on Air Force Pharmacy and all of us ever associated with him had the utmost respect for him. Anyone who ever uses their TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit, whether it is at an MTF or a retail drugstore or the mail order program - we all owe a debt to Greg for helping to make it happen.*

*Pat Hobbs, Colonel, USAF (Ret)*

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**Pat Hobbs** - August 20, 2018 at 12:44 PM

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“ *I did not know he retired from the military. I am a Vietnam Vet as well and spent 22 years in the navy, retiring in 1990.*

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**Ronald Clapsaddle** - August 16, 2018 at 03:35 PM

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“ Shannon and family it was a joy to know Greg. He had such a caring side to him I will remember that smile. May your heart remember the joy he shared and hopefully bring a smile to your face at the times you feel shattered from your loss. Hugs to you my friend.

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**debbie dalton** - August 14, 2018 at 10:31 PM