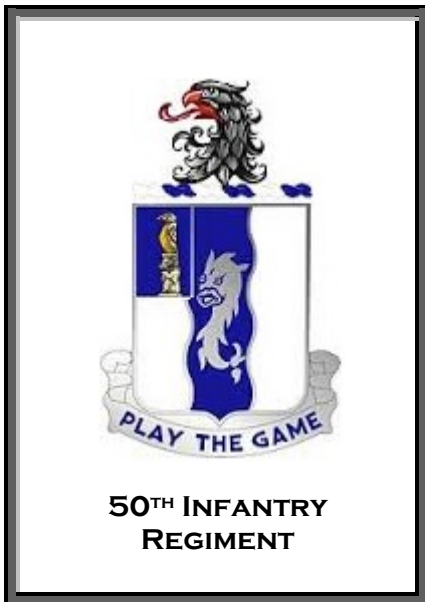


# Keith Gregory LaRue

Mission Viejo, CA - Keith Gregory LaRue, 71, of Mission Viejo, CA passed away on October 3rd, 2018 after a brief illness. He went to be with the Lord peacefully, with his loving family at his bedside.

Keith was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 22, 1947. He graduated from Henry Ford High School and was drafted to the US Army when he was 19.



Keith Served in Vietnam from October of 1967 to January of 1968 with Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (Airmobile) where he earned the Air Medal, two Purple Hearts, The Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Medal, National Defense Ribbon and Combat Infantry Badge during his service to our country and will receive full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, where he will be buried.

Keith was married to Bernadette Duquette on May 16, 1970; they were happily married for 48 years.

He also worked in the car business for 45 years in the Detroit area, the San Francisco Bay area, and Orange County until he retired in 2015 to enjoy more time with his wife and family. He enjoyed traveling, visiting historical places, wine tasting, attending baseball games and watching sports. That being said, his favorite thing to do was spending time with his family. Keith was also a member of Newport Harbor American Legion Post 291.

Keith is survived by his four children, Corinne Rice (Geoff), Angela Portnoff(Brandon), Michael LaRue (fiancée Ariane Winans), Jeffrey LaRue (Leanne); his 4 grandchildren Hayley, Asher, Grayson and Jaxon; his 2 brothers, Christopher LaRue (Pat), and Steven LaRue (Jane), and his many nieces and nephews.

Keith is preceded in death by his parents, Omer and Ruth LaRue.

The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 AM on October 12, 2018 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Laguna Niguel, officiated by Monsignor John Urell. Funeral arrangements are being made by O'Connor Family Mortuary, in Laguna Hills.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to the Keith LaRue Memorial Fund at [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) in Memphis, TN. The family of Keith LaRue wishes to thank the VA Hospital in Long Beach, UCI Medical Center, O'Connor Mortuary and St. Timothy's Catholic Church.