

Joseph Mlinac, Jr. “Tall Joe” Obituary

September 9, 1948 ~ November 26, 2023 (age 75)

Joseph F. Mlinac, Jr. Age 75, originally of Mt. Washington, suddenly on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

Preceded in death by his parents, Joseph F. and Anna Mlinac, his brother, Timothy Mlinac and his loving companion, Donna Madeja. Beloved brother of Melinda “Aggie” Mlinac and Nancy Mlinac Jones (Mark) ; cherished uncle of Ava Woychuk-Mlinac and Lucy Woychuk-Mlinac; favorite of all his many cousins; and devoted to his many veteran brothers throughout the Pittsburgh area.

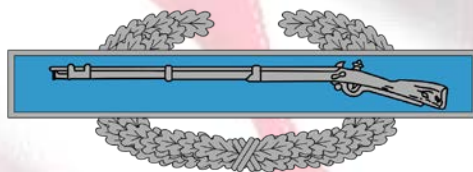
Joe served in Vietnam with the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry Regiment which was attached to the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He volunteered to serve with the elite Short Range Ambush Patrol of the 50th Infantry where he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart for wounds received in combat..

He was one of the founders of Vietnam Veterans Inc., and was committed to various local veteran associations. Joe was also the President and longtime member of Sharing and Caring for Hospitalized Veteran’s Inc.

Funeral Mass was at St. Mary of the Mount Church/Mary, Queen of Peace Parish. Interment followed at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with Military Honors. If desired, donations may be made to Sharing and Caring for Hospitalized Veteran’s Inc. P.O. Box 2616 Pittsburgh, PA 15230.



SHORT RANGE AMBUSH PLATOON - 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE - 50TH INFANTRY REGIMENT



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