



GySgt Kenneth Owen Kibilko

February 18, 1946 - April 6, 2022

GySgt. Kenneth O. Kibilko, Sr., USMC (Ret.), 76, of Sylvester, GA, died Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

His funeral service will be at 3 PM on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Kimbrell-Stern with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Johnny Lloyd will officiate. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern prior to the service beginning at 2 PM.

Mr. Kibilko had 50 plus years of faithful service to the United States Marine Corps. He started his career with the Marines on March 26, 1963 at Boot Camp in San Diego, CA. After Basic Training, he was assigned to MOS 0331 Machine Gunner and his first duty station was Camp Pendleton, CA. He served 2 tours in Vietnam with Lima 3/3 and Charlie 1/9 "the walking dead." During Operation Starlight in 1965, he received a Purple Heart. Mr. Kibilko served as a Drill Instructor at Parris Island, SC. He also served 3 tours in Japan; one in Iwakuni and two in Okinawa. His Marine Corps formal training includes Engineer Equipment Mechanic Course and Equipment Chief Course among various other courses through the years. He retired from active duty in 1984 as a GySgt (E-7) after 21 plus years of service.

Mr. Kibilko began his Civil Service career with the Marine Corps in Albany, GA in 1984 as a Heavy Equipment Specialist in the Technical Support Division.

Since that time, he has held many positions which include Ordinance Specialist, Industrial Engineering Technician, and MMC Engineering Technician. His career began as a GS-5 and concluded at the rank of GS-12, working in the LOGCOM Maintenance Management Center. On December 27, 2014 after 50 plus years, Mr. Kibilko said "It's time to take off my pack."

Mr. Kibilko is survived by his wife: Tina Kibilko, Sylvester; children: Michelle Shene (Gary) Midway, GA, Kenneth O. Kibilko, Jr. (Angela), Kingsland, GA, Amanda Hawkins (Leslie), Albany, Brittany Joiner (B.J.), Michigan, Dana Powell (Robert), Colorado, Daniel Kibilko, Sylvester; 11 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; mother: Marjorie Toseff, Hickory Hills, IL; brother: Mark Kibilko (Karen), South Carolina; sister-in-law: Mary Kibilko, Tinley Park, IL; special niece: Amber Hudson (Mike) Sylvester; several nieces and nephews.

Those desiring may send memorials to Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

APR 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I really enjoyed working with Ken, a.k.a. “KK” for many years. He was a truly good man, an outstanding Marine, and a good friend to all. Here’s wishing you fair winds and following seas, KK. Take off your pack and rest easy, Marine. Semper Fi, my friend!

Shirley Stiles - April 11, 2022 at 08:05 PM

LW

“ Kenneth was a great man. I enjoyed working with him at LogCom. I pray for his family to have comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Lynn Willis - April 10, 2022 at 11:18 AM

CJ

“ Carole Burkhart Jones lit a candle in memory of GySgt Kenneth Owen Kibilko



Carole Burkhart Jones - April 10, 2022 at 09:15 AM

TF

“ Haven’t seen Ken in awhile. He is a member of American Legion Post 335 Sylvester. I always enjoyed talking with him..such a nice man. Sorry for your loss. Tim and Trish Farmer, Sylvester

Trish Farmer - April 08, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of GySgt Kenneth Owen Kibilko.*



April 08, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of GySgt Kenneth Owen Kibilko.*



April 07, 2022 at 07:42 PM