



James L. Merklinger

October 13, 2017

Merklinger, James L.

Chili/Penfield: Thursday, October 12, 2017. Predeceased by his parents, Francis and Thelma; brother, John and step-father, Joe Dengler. Survived by his children, Kristen (Jason) Schulmerich, Matthew (Kristin Streightiff) and Timothy (Jodi grandchildren, Shannen, Troy, Benjamin, Carter, Audrey, Cooper, Izabelle, Mira and Mason; siblings, Noel Schey, Barbara Merklinger, Mary (Steve) Moll and Mark (Bridget) Merklinger; many loving nieces and nephews. Jim was a proud Army Veteran of the Vietnam War 173rd Airborne, avid sportsman and owner of CDJ Stamping.

Friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home, Thursday 4:30-8PM. Funeral Mass, Friday 10 AM at St. Monica's Church, 831 Genesee St. Interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Richards House, a Local Support Service Home for Veterans.

Tribute Wall

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“*Jim Merklinger, a great friend and Viet Nam Veteran Brother. I have known many of the Merklinger family for about 40 years through my friendship with John and Barb Merklinger. My kids went to school with and knew their kids. I had met Jim during those years, but didn't really get to "know" Jim until my son married his daughter Kristen. Since that time, I always looked forward to any family gatherings that brought Jim and I together. We always found time to have some great conversations, good laughs, and we spent many hours working on solving the problems of the world. Over time, Jim would confide in me with his thoughts of turning his business, CDJ Stamping, over to his son Tim and my son Jason. Many of our conversations began with him saying, "don't say anything ... but", or ... "just between us". I was honored and privileged that he would share his thoughts with me and ask for my opinion on things. We had many conversations where he would ask me not to share what was said. I never did and never will. He was so proud of his sons, daughter and grandchildren. He was a proud but stubborn man. He was not happy with the "modern technology" that Tim and Jason were bringing into the business. He said it just wasn't needed. Over time, he realized how "the boys", were improving and growing the business and he told me many times he was impressed and knew he had made the right decision. He was proud of them both, and knew that the business would thrive and grow with them running the show. Jim told me once, that if he and I walked next to each other, locked arms and used our walking sticks, we could walk for miles without falling down. Jim was a good man and a great friend. I will miss him a lot. Go now Jim, be with God, and I'll see you down the road. Your friend, Mike Schulmerich*

Mike Schulmerich - October 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM