



Michael Dean Applegate

June 17, 1954 - December 17, 2021

SFC Michael Dean Applegate, USMC/USA, Retired of Puxico, MO was born on June 17, 1954, in MT Holly, NJ to the late James MacFarland and Margaret Applegate and passed away on December 17, 2021, at Landmark Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO at the age of 67 years.

He was married to Valerie Kay McGregor, daughter of the late Vern and Louella Lee, she survives of the home.

Surviving Michael are children; Danielle Marie Applegate of Alexandria, VA, Paula Michelle (Noel) Silvey of Richardson, Texas, Margaret (Steven) Sahimi of Randolph, Maine, Dara Alexander, and Wade McGregor of Puxico. Sisters Kathleen (Cliff) Harker of Deatsville, Alabama, and Patricia (Monty) Stone of St Charles, MO. Grandchildren: Ethan, Zoe, Damian, Mia, Michael, Milo, Sissy, Pari, Thad, Morgan, Dylan, Delaney and Jacksyn, great-grandchildren Arlo, Kendall and Ryleigh, nieces, cousins, and a host of friends survive.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, sons Christopher Robin Applegate, Christopher Blount, Christopher Todd McGregor, and brother James Logan MacFarland.

Two weeks after graduating high school, he joined the US Marine Corps. While in the Corps, he served tours on the USS Guadalcanal and USS Guam.

He made the 58,000 landing on the USS Guam in his CH-46F "Miss Joni M".

Upon leaving the Marine Corps, he enlisted in the US Army. In 1988 became one of the top recruiters in the US. He completed his military career with 22 years of service.

After his military retirement, Michael pursued his passion for the game of golf. While Asst. Golf Coach for the University of Florida he could be seen on the course with Danny Warfel, Emmitt Smith, and Steve Stricker.

There will be a gathering celebrating his life for friends and family on January 28 at the Puxico United Methodist Church. Lunch and fellowship will begin at 11:00. Service will be at 12:30. Interment with full military honors will follow at Bloomfield VA Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO.