



## Phillip E. Barbour

July 24, 1950 - August 16, 2020

Passed away Sunday, August 16, 2020 in Falls Church, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Jean Barbour; mother, Catherine Barbour; siblings Brett Barbour (Linda) and Carla McCarthy (Mike); sisters-in-law; Becky Reeves (Arthur) and Mary Casto; nieces and nephews, Barry Stoner (Meghan), Justin Barbour, Melissa Barbour, AJ Reeves (Gretchen) and Christopher Reeves (Alex Sherwood). Funeral service will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 South Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 20. 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
[info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Graveside Service

AUG 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery  
6600 South Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Tribute Wall



“ Phillip E. Barbour

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ I am sorry but I just heard that Phil passed away. I didnt get the chance to know him as well as others did but I did get the chance to talk with him many times. He was a Hero in my eyes as a Vietnam Veteran and In Life in general. When he served he did the toughest jobs that many were afraid to do and he did it well. Like most Veterans he didnt talk about it too much. I had pried for a few stories since I was working with VVMF on a project for "The Wall That Heals". There were some stories that will stick with me for life and talking with him made me even more appreciate the freedoms we all have because of people like him. He was tough as nails but at the same time kind and understanding. He loved his family and people in general. I played Inline hockey with him and he was often on the other team or around the rink. In between periods when I was dying from heat he would sneak up on me and douse me with an icy wet cloth on my neck and it would bring me back to life. There was one time where another younger immature player had been giving him cheap shots and rather than strike back Phil had the guy on the ground in a matter of seconds with a half nelson arm lock behind the guys back. He then wispered in the guy ear "son you dont want to do that" referring to the cheap shots. He was cool under control. He was the kind of person that you wanted to talk with and have around for advice and good conversation and was well respected by all. I know that he is probably looking down at us and giving us his million dollar smile from Heaven.

-Mike

mike rill - June 09, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip E. Barbour.*



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August 22, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *"Catfish" July 2018*



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**Arthur Reeves** - August 20, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *"Catfish" July 2019*



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**Arthur Reeves** - August 20, 2020 at 12:08 PM

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“ Part two:

*Becky and I enjoyed many years bowling with Phil and Jean. Our team of four was named “Rolling Thunder.” Phil was known for throwing a fast ball ten pin. He was elected Master of Arms taking control of tense (but fun) moments at the bowling alley always being the mediator. We bowled in the same league for many years as we also have fond memories of bowling with his loving sister Carla and her husband Mike. We spent many evenings playing softball with made up friendly leagues populating the neighborhood park. We spent most holidays together watching fireworks on the 4th and spending all day together on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Phil would always excite the boys by playing “the claw” and “pull my finger.” We spent many all-nighters playing laser tag. Phil was the best uncle that my two sons AJ and Chris could ever wish for. He was loved very much and will always be remembered by ALL, nothing but the good times.*

*Occasionally I had the honor of viewing his Vietnam picture book filled with pictures of him and his buddies of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade’s Provisional Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP). Phil described his LRRP team members and survival experiences such as being pushed out of a “whirly whirly bird,” the helicopter pilot not wanting to land due to taking on heavy fire. Phil clung to the good memories of the young men which whom he served and saved each other’s life during jungle combat. Even though Phil suffered lifelong issues attributed to Agent Orange from Vietnam, Phil never lost faith of God, family, and Country. Phil was a brother to me whom I will never forget. He will be sorely missed by friends and family and only the good times remembered. For the trumpet shall sound and we will meet again.*



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**Arthur Reeves** - August 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Phillip E. Barbour.*



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August 20, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip E. Barbour.*



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August 19, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ *RIP cousin Phil. He was a good guy and always had a smile. My sympathy to Aunt Kay, Carla and Bret. Carole Bruce*



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**Carole Bruce** - August 19, 2020 at 05:24 PM

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“ My condolences to the family of Phillip Barbour. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I knew Phil only through playing roller hockey against him on Thursday nights. Even though I haven't played in a number of years, I still have vivid memories of him from the rink. He was kind, full of life and an inspiration to watch as he skated with a bunch of players more than half his age. My lasting image of him comes from those hot sweltering summer nights at the rink where I would have to wear a ton of goalie gear. Even though I was the opposing goalie, Phil would always have an extra ice cold rag to put around my neck in between periods to cool me off. He understood that the time at the rink was about more than just competition, It was about friendship and comradery. He will be missed.

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**Mike Sanderson** - August 19, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Phillip E. Barbour.



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August 19, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Phillip E. Barbour.



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August 18, 2020 at 10:42 PM