



Richard Ratliff

April 4, 1934 - November 27, 2010

RATLIFF, Corporal Richard Lee age 76, of Waynesville, proud United States Marine Corp Veteran, beloved husband of Reda Ratliff received his orders on November 27, 2010 and has reported for his final call of duty. He is survived by son and daughter-in-law Doug (Diane), son Keith, daughter and son-in-law Sherri (Scott), son Mark, brother Bobby, two sisters Cheryl and Wilma, grandchildren Heather, Seth, Sarah, Levi, Travis, Scottie, Lindsey, great-grandchildren Donnie (Tigger), Teegan, and Evan. Also true to Corporal Ratliff's heart, former daughters-in-law Denise Ratliff and Vickie Rammel. Richard entered the US Marine Corp 5/29/1952. During his tour of duty in the Korean War he received the following commendations: The National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and Republic of Korean War Service Medal. Separation of Service was 5/28/1955. He was a charter and life member of The Chosen Reservoir Detachment Honor Guard 968. He held several offices throughout the years at both The American Legion and VFW. His magnetism and influence with family and friends was wonderful. He instilled characteristics of ruggedness and incredible strength in his family. His life was an abundance of labors and full of sacrifices for his family's good. In our pain and tears we share a heartache that cannot heal. In our hearts and minds we will keep memories no one can steal. You meant so much to each of us. We love you! Ooh rah! Semper Fidelis. Funeral services 1 PM Tues. Nov. 30 at Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home, Waynesville. Burial Miami Cemetery, Corwin. The family will receive friends 11 AM-1PM Tues. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.stubbsconner.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I met Dick back in the mid-90s when he joined me and a handful of other Marines in starting Marine Corps League detachment. Dick's contribution in the very early days of the unit were absolutely critical. If I remember correctly, Dick helped pick our name to honor Korean War veterans (including him and several other members of our unit). Dick was not only one of the earliest members, he was one of the most committed and loyal, and he was a fund raising champ. He was such a solid guy; I really enjoyed getting to know him, and having him as part of our organization. I wanted you to know the significance of our loss at his passing. I will miss him, but I look forward to recognizing his contribution by including him in the rolls of our departed members read at the conclusion of every meeting.

Chris Romano

Past Detachment Commandant,

Chosin Reservoir Detachment,

Marine Corps League##imported-begin##Chris Romano##imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. We lost our Mother on the 25.He was a great man. They will be missed greatly. May God be with you, and your family. Jane##imported-begin##Jane Ramby Merrill##imported-end##

December 04, 2010 at 09:27 AM



“ Ratliff Family, I'm sorry for my typing errors before. You have my Sympathy & our Condolences.

Walt Severance

1st Vice Commander

American Legion Post 681##imported-begin##Walt Severance##imported-end##

December 02, 2010 at 10:43 AM



“ Ratliff Family, American Legion Post 681 in West Chester, Oh wants to sent our coldances to each of you. God Bless

Walt Severance

1st Vice Cammander

American Legion post 681##imported-begin##Walter Severance##imported-end##

December 02, 2010 at 10:34 AM



“ I was fortunate to know "Mr. Ratliff" for the past few years. I always call Bob and Richard "Mr. Ratliff" because I would get them confused. He cut me some slack because there is a Ratliff at every turn here in Waynesville. Richard would always give me kind advice and had a knowing smile. I will remember him for his kindness, easy going nature, and his snappy (funny) comments during the monthly meetings. It was an honor to know him, and it was even a greater honor to be with him and his family for his funeral services yesterday. God Bless###imported-begin##Rod Eversole###imported-end##

December 01, 2010 at 04:25 PM



“ Dear Ratliff Family:

What a fine tribute to a Marine and a man who loved his country.

Know that the thoughts and prayers of the members of American Legion Post 755 are with you and your loved ones.

Steven Bernhardt

Adjutant###imported-begin##Steven E Bernhardt###imported-end##

December 01, 2010 at 03:48 PM



“ We are so gratefull to have known you. And honored to have been a card playing buddy. We will miss and remember you always.###imported-begin##Doris Farris and Evelyn Wilt###imported-end##

November 30, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ Reda and family,

I was so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. You and your family will be in my prayers. If you need anything, call me (513-646-9122)

Love, Kay###imported-begin##Kay Repp###imported-end##

November 30, 2010 at 12:30 PM



“ Reda I'm very sorry to hear of Richard, I lost a great friend, he was a good man. May God watch over you and your family##imported-begin##Carl Barton##imported-end##

November 30, 2010 at 09:44 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest condolences. Richard was not only a brother to me , but he was my best friend also. He will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Bob Ratliff##imported-end##

November 30, 2010 at 08:19 AM



“ Even though I only met Richard in May of this year at cards in Harveysburg it feels as though I've known him forever. He was always so friendly, kind, respectful and I knew admired by many. He felt like a favorite uncle that you were always very happy to see and visit. Even though I don't know the rest of the family I know you all have to be great. Please give Reda (especially) lots of good hugs as I know from experience that they help in times like these. You will be in my thoughts and prayers for a long time.##imported-begin##Barb - card buddy##imported-end##

November 30, 2010 at 07:50 AM



“ Grandpa!
Nothing seems real right now...I feel so honored and blessed that we were able to spend your last few hours just me and you and Loretta Lyn :) I loved you so much...probably more than you could ever imagine! I was so proud to be your granddaughter! You and grandma mean the world to me and I can't wait to get one of your hugs again! Thank you for all you taught us and thank you for being the best great-grandpa to Donnie Jr!!! We love you forever and always!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!##imported-begin##Sarah ##imported-end##

November 29, 2010 at 10:52 PM



“ Richard you were the best mentor that I have ever known. You always knew what to say at the right time , You will be missed. Love you always from my heart to yours.

Bob and Billie###imported-begin###Bob and Billie###imported-end###

November 29, 2010 at 09:50 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathies during your time of grief. We didn't know Richard personally, but the Marines of Det 968 always spoke very highly of him. Marines past, present and future are family; once a Marine, always a Marine. Be proud of your Marine as he is greeted by St. Peter and passes into the Promised Land.

You can keep your Army khaki; you can keep your Navy blue. I have the world's best fighting man, Uncle Sam ever knew.

His uniform is different, the best you've ever seen. The German's call him "Devil dog"; his real name is "Marine".

He was born in boot camp, the place where God forgot. D.I.'s breathing down his neck, the sun so blazing hot.

He gets up every morning, before the rising sun. He'll run his required miles and more, before the day is done.

He's deadly with a rifle, a bayonet made of steel. He takes the challenge given; he's mastered how to kill.

And when he gets to Heaven, St. Peter he will tell, "One more Marine reporting sir, I've served my time in Hell."

"I've fought so many battles, and won them as you've seen. There is no better fighting man, The United States Marine!"

Semper Fidelis!

CWO2 Jay Testa/USMC###imported-begin###Jay & Gabriella Testa###imported-end###

November 29, 2010 at 09:33 PM



“ We send all our love and support. love tommy, betsy, and ben ball###imported-begin###tommy & betsy ball###imported-end##

November 29, 2010 at 08:17 PM



“ Reda and Sarah,

I met your husband/grandfather in passing, and loved how welcome he made me feel in your family. I am so sorry for your loss, and wish I could do something to ease the pain that is left in the wake of this loss. I love you, and wish your family the best in this tough time.

Tabby###imported-begin###tabby###imported-end##

November 29, 2010 at 05:36 PM