



Lamar H. Cramer

September 9, 2016

Lamar H. Cramer, 79, of Ephrata, PA, passed away on Friday, September 9, 2016 at the Susquehanna Valley Health & Rehabilitation Center, Columbia, PA, following a short illness.

Born in Lancaster and a lifelong area resident, he was the son of the late Harold J. and Helen M. Labezius Cramer and the husband of the late Hilda M. Johnson Cramer.

A proud Marine, Lamar had served in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in Camp Lejeune, NC, from September 1955 until September 1975 as a Staff Sergeant with Ammunition Tech and Explosive Ordinance Disposal. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He then worked for Goodhart & Sons Inc. from 1978 until 1989 and lastly with CR Fiendly's from 1989 to 1999, when he retired.

He was a member of the Marine Corps Assoc., the 3rd Marine Division Assoc., VFW Post #5965 in Ephrata, American Legion Post # 945, Vietnam Veterans Assoc. Post # 30, Lancaster Military Order of Devil Dogs, and the NRA. Lamar also was a volunteer at Jason's Woods for over 10 years.

Lamar is survived by his sister Elaine Ellen, (Hugh) Greco of Panama City Beach, FL and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a

brother Harold J. Cramer and a sister, Josetta Cramer.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Celebrate his Life at The Groffs family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange at Pine Sts., Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 1:00 pm. Interment will be held at Conestoga Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at The Groffs on Tuesday from 12:00 pm until the time of services.

Military Honors will be rendered by the Red Rose Veteran Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in Lamar's memory to The American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Cemetery Details

Conestoga Memorial Park

95 2nd Lock Rd
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lamar H. Cramer*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Thank you for serving Lamar! I did his make up at Jason's Woods..he loved going to work after the show with his make up on, so he could scare his customers! He will always be part of our Jason's Woods family, he will be deeply missed! God bless his family and friends!*

Gini Weaver - September 29, 2016 at 06:30 AM



“ *Lamar was many things to many people. He was a hero to our nation, and a hero to all of us who loved him at Jason's Woods. So glad that he is watching over us. We will love and miss him always.*
-Bob and Doreen Hershey

Doreen Hershey - September 29, 2016 at 05:37 AM

SC

Thank you Doreen. Yes my uncle was a true hero. Humble but proud of his service in the Marines for our great country.

He really enjoyed his time spent at Jason's woods and the many friendships that he developed over the years. He always looked forward to this time of year and counted down the days till Jason's Woods would be opening.

It was a pleasure meeting Bob at Uncle Lamar's funeral. My Uncle really admired Bob and everything he did to create Jason's Woods. You were like family to him.

*God Bless,
Stephanie Cramer*

Stephanie Cramer - September 30, 2016 at 11:40 AM

NM

“ *Please accept my sympathy - Semper Fi! from former Marine, Norm McElwain*

Norm McElwain - September 20, 2016 at 12:37 PM

FB

“ *I met my dear friend Lamar(Shortie) when we were stationed in Okinawa. We were in artillery together in 4.2 mortars. We spent time at Mt. Fuji in Japan for cold weather training, and had lots of Saki to keep warm. We had many good times and remained friends for many years. I was proud to be his friend and I will miss him.*
Bugsy

Francis Bugnacki - September 12, 2016 at 09:07 PM

SC

Dear Bugs, Thank you for visiting my uncle while he was in the Conestoga rehab facility. It meant so much to him and to his family. The day of your visit was the most energetic that I had seen him. He was so happy that you were coming to visit him. It truly was good to see him in such high spirits that day. I only wished that I could have met you. He shared so many great stories about you.

*God bless,
Stephanie Cramer*

Stephanie Cramer - September 30, 2016 at 11:20 AM

BC

“ Around nine years ago I was put in contact with Lamar by Dick Stroud. I called Lamar, and we began a friendship that has lasted all of these years. We talked about everything, but the Vietnam War was always in there.

The comfort I received from these conversations was priceless. Lamar was one of the few remaining Marines that was actually with my brother when he was KIA. As time went on Lamar became that brother I had lost a long time ago.

A few years ago my wife and I drove to Ephrata to meet Lamar. We met at a restaurant for dinner. He was wearing a 3rd Marine Division t-shirt and carrying a 3rd Division coffee mug. We stayed there a long time and discussed Doc (my brother) and the war. (Very emotional for me.)

Before we left I gave him my 3rd Div. pin that I received from the Whiskey 1-12 reunion in 2007. I wanted him to have something that meant a lot to me.

From that time until now I cannot put into words what an outstanding man and Marine Lamar has been. I will miss our conversations and hearing about the life he lived.

Thank you, my brother, for everything,

*Bill Carothers
Clemmons, NC*

Bill Carothers - September 11, 2016 at 08:47 PM

SC

Dear Bill, I am sorry for the loss of your brother during the Vietnam War. Uncle Lamar spoke highly of your brother. It was a great loss for him too. I am glad that you got to meet my uncle and learn the truth behind your brother's passing. I'm glad that you were able to receive comfort from that. My uncle told me about your meeting it was very emotional for him as well.

Thank you for the planter that you sent to the funeral home. It was beautiful. He had a very nice military funeral with full honor guard and 21 gun salute.

His wishes were to be buried in his 3rd Marine Division t-shirt with his 3rd Marine Division hat and coffee mug. We carried out his wishes. I also found the 3rd Marine Division pin that you gave him. It was buried with him as well.

My uncle was a very humble but proud Marine. I will miss his stories and conversations as well.

*God bless,
Stephanie*

Stephanie Cramer - September 30, 2016 at 11:30 AM

EG

“ MY BROTHER LAMAR, YOU ARE THE ONE THAT HAS ALWAYS TAKEN CARE OF ME, LOOKED AFTER ME AND WAS THERE WHEN I NEEDED YOU.
I REMEMBER HOW I WOULD TAKE YOUR JEANS TO WEAR AND WHEN YOU ASKED MOM WHERE THEY WERE SHE WOULD TELL YOU THAT I WAS WEARING THEM. YOU DIDN'T THINK IT WAS FUNNY AT THE TIME BUT I DID.
I TOLD AUNT MAUDE THAT YOUR PAIN WAS GONE AND YOU WERE ON YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN, I ASKED HER TOO HELP YOU FIND MOM AND DAD, HAROLD AND OUR LITTLE SISTER. I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD YOU AS A BROTHER AND THANKFUL FOR CHUCK AND STEFANIE WHO TOOK SUCH GOOD CARE OF YOU. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WE ARE TOGETHER AGAIN. LOVE FROM YOUR SISTER ELAINE GRECO

ELAINE GRECO - September 11, 2016 at 10:19 AM

GS

“ Lamar you will always be my friend. I can remember the time that I would laugh until I cried at you at the Devil Dog Growls. These memories will stay with forever. You are a great Marine and Devil Dog and will be when you meet God. I know you will make Him laugh, and then He will put you guard duty. I will miss you, but you are in good care in Gods arms.

*Semper Fi my friend
Gordy Sheriff PDC/ PPL*

Gordy Sheriff - September 11, 2016 at 09:14 AM



Jon
Bruce

“ *Rest in Peace Sgt. Kramer. You are one of the best Marines I ever knew. I remember in 1970 our Swoops from Lejeune to Lancaster in your Ford. How you listened to the Grand Ole Opry on the AM radio and I hated Country music and when I was driving and you fell asleep I switched the station to WLS Chicago The "Soul" station and you woke up mad. Ha ha! But after telling me to keep it on the station back to sleep for you. I am glad you trusted me and my driving we always made it HOME! You helped this 19 Year Old Marine out by letting me ride No Charge for driving no swoop money for this Marine. Making \$150 a month I had no money but you wanted me to get home. You were a great friend and I just regret I never saw you after I got out in 70. I know I will see you again Guarding the Gates of Heaven with our other Marine Brothers someday. God Bless you Sarge and may you Rest in Peace.
Semper fi my Brother*

*Jon Bruce
Panama City Beach, Florida*

Jon Bruce - September 11, 2016 at 06:19 AM



“ Uncle Lamar,

You will be sorely missed! We'll miss our breakfast outings with you each weekend. We'll miss your "attack duck" when you insisted on paying for breakfast. We'll miss the war stories and memories of those you served with. We'll miss your wealth of knowledge of our family history. I'll personally miss your yearly birthday wish for the United States Air Force and I'll miss my opportunity to reciprocate that wish for the Marine Corps Birthday. But most of all, even though you had seen and participated in some of the most violent and unamenable conditions in war, we'll miss your tender heart... Your soft spoken and humble demeanor... so often making light of your own contributions, so you could recognize the contributions of another, no matter how small they were.

How can I possibly list all the ways you will be missed? But we thank the Lord up above, that your pain and suffering are gone. We're thankful that you are with your beloved wife Hilda again. We're thankful that you've been reunited with all your family in heaven. And although we would have given our right arm to keep you on this earth just a little while longer, we're thankful for the time we DID have with you.

You exemplified first and foremost what it meant to be a Marine. You embraced and became the personification of the Brotherhood that the Marines stand for. You ran INTO danger rather than AWAY from it. And although you were relatively small in stature, you were far larger than life and a far greater man than I could ever hope to be. And yet, I am in fact a better man for having known you. Thank you for who you were and for your influence and impact on all of our lives!

Semper Fi!

Chris Cramer, (aka Chuck)

Chris Cramer - September 11, 2016 at 06:10 AM

CC

I of course, meant to write "United States Air Force" and later on in that same paragraph, "unimaginable" rather than unamenable.

Chris Cramer - September 11, 2016 at 06:47 AM

RG

“*Robin Grimshaw lit a candle in memory of Lamar H. Cramer*



Robin Grimshaw - September 11, 2016 at 05:48 AM