



Mr. Donald J. Barvilchak

December 8, 1950 - October 5, 2025

Myrtle Beach...

Mr. Donald J. Barvilchak, age 74, passed away on Sunday, October 5, 2025 surrounded by his family.

Born December 8, 1950 in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of the late George and Florence Tolbert Barvilchak. Don was a retired Veteran, having proudly served in the U.S. Marines, where he was a Purple Heart recipient. He also served in various Veteran's groups. Following his retirement, Don worked with the American Red Cross for over 15 years helping with Disaster Relief.

Along with his parents, Don was predeceased by a sister, Helen Burley.

Surviving are his sisters, Kathy McHenry and Mary Barvilchak; a brother, George Barvilchak (Debbie); his favorite uncle, Harry Tolbert; his special friends and caretakers, Sterling and Samantha Pelfry and their children, Asher and Kinley; Scott and Emily (who he loved like family); and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

A visitation will be held Monday, October 13, 2025, from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel, 325 Hinson Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

Memorial donations may be made in Don's memory to ABATE of South Carolina, PO Box 5891, West Columbia, SC 29171.

Please sign the online guest book at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel
325 Hinson Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Tribute Wall

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“ Don and I served on the Board of Vietnam Veterans of Westmoreland County Pennsylvania in the 1980s/1990s he was a dependable friend. .We did school visits speaking of our service in the Vietnam War. for many years. My wife Karen and I are sadden by the loss of our old friend.
He called me in August of 2025 to say goodbye Truly a stand up Marine
Paul & Karen Yeckel Greensburg Pa

paul n yeckel - December 21, 2025 at 03:00 PM

LZ

“ Don was our neighbor for the last 3yrs, we had many waves everyday, conversations and laughs. He was a wonderful man and we miss getting our daily waves Hello!
Rest in Peace my Friend 🙏
Much Love,
Lori and Chris

Lori Zalys - October 13, 2025 at 01:11 PM

TC

“ I will love you forever, Daddy.



Tricia Cunningham - October 13, 2025 at 08:14 AM

TC

“ *My dad loved my mama and I so much. He told me once he wouldn't allow anyone else hold me when he was around. I was his pride and joy and always Daddy's little girl- even as an adult.* ”



Tricia Cunningham - October 11, 2025 at 10:21 PM

TC

“ My dad was the first to be diagnosed with PTSD in 1985. He was proud to serve his country and even prouder of his legacies, my brother Chris & I. Our relationship was tested, at times, due to his PTSD struggles, but the last 3 years, of 53 were a beautiful celebration of love, laughter, and tears, and he was overjoyed to be Pap to his grandchildren, Brittini, Noelle (Tyler), & Chad (Kyrie), and his great-grandchildren: Kaydence, Kendall, Ryder, Layne, Bennett, Kassidy, Jax, and Weston. He was thrilled to start this new chapter with his family. I gifted him a new phone to stay connected with everyone and to video chat. Though he initially complained about the technology, he soon grew to love Facebook, where he could watch his loved ones every day. Our conversations were truly special, and we learned so much about each other. I finally had the loving father I had always wanted. I visited him as often as I could, and we created lasting memories, especially during my visit last summer when we spent a week together. Watching his great-grandson Ryder play in basketball tournaments, sharing ice cream, and taking walks on the beach are memories I will always treasure. But what I will cherish most is the glimmer in his eyes when we would sit on the porch at night, and he would express how proud he was of me, my brother, and all the kids and grandkids. He was beaming with pride and love for everyone, including my mother and his former wife, Amy. The last phone call he had with any of us was with his son-in-law and my husband, Sean, whom he cherished, where he shared his final wishes and asked us to be present at his funeral at Arlington Cemetery, and we will honor those wishes. We love you, Daddy, always and forever a proud daughter of a Marine. *Sempre Fi*



Tricia Cunningham - October 10, 2025 at 08:33 AM

PE

“ *Don was a very good friend of my husband Duane Eckert. We met Don over 25 years ago and visited him every year when we can to the beach. Don and Duane never ran out of things to talk about. Don tell Duane we miss him so much Love you both!*

Peggy Eckert - October 06, 2025 at 06:26 PM