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Technical Sergeant (Ret.) Lawrence E. Dutcher, age 82, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with health challenges.

Born on June 1, 1943, in Pennsylvania, Lawrence lived a rich and meaningful life characterized by dedication, love, and unwavering service. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, he honorably served his country as a Technical Sergeant for over 20 years. His distinguished military career saw him excel as a jet engine mechanic and include deployments in Vietnam, Korea, Thailand, and England.

Throughout his service, Lawrence earned numerous awards and accolades, reflecting his technical expertise, outstanding performance, and steadfast commitment to excellence. He was respected and admired by all who had the

privilege to know him.

Following his military service, Lawrence settled in New York before relocating to South Carolina, where he embraced retirement, surrounded by family and friends.

He cherished his time spent traveling with his beloved wife and family, tinkering with various vehicles, and enjoying leisurely fishing trips, darts, and pool games. Lawrence's happiest moments were often spent building, sharing stories, or creating lasting memories with his loved ones.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 28 years, Donala Dutcher, as well as his step-children Virginia Meyer (Gary), John M. Lloyd (Cori), Tina Turner, and Orion Cozene (Jennifer), alongside his children Dennis Dutcher, Becky Nemitz, and Theresa Dutcher. He was preceded in death by his step-son Kenneth Lloyd Jr. (Rebecca).

Together, Lawrence and Donala fostered a large, loving family that includes 21 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He also leaves behind his devoted dogs, Lucy and Mae Mae, who brought him boundless joy and companionship.

Those who knew Lawrence will forever remember his strength, humor, craftsmanship, and profound love for his family and country. His legacy of perseverance, kindness, and devotion will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who loved him.

A private family service will take place at a later date to honor his life and military service, and he will be laid to rest with full military honors. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the United States Air Force for recognizing his dedicated service and numerous achievements in defense of our nation.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lawrence's memory to Thurston Schramm Reynolds VFW Post 8137, Erie Street, Montezuma, New York 13117 - a place that honors the spirit of service and camaraderie that Lawrence valued deeply.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Florence National Cemetery
803 E National Cemetery Road
Florence, SC 29506

Tribute Wall



“ *Our sincere condolences to Donala and the family. So glad we had a great visit in March. Thank you for your service Larry and rest easy in heaven where there is no pain. ❤️ Nancy and Jonathan*

Nancy Wolff - October 17, 2025 at 10:47 PM