



Major (Ret.) Harold (Hal) R. Franklin Jr.

December 22, 1941 - January 29, 2023

Born Cleveland Ohio, the son of Amelia (Castragano), and Harold R Franklin Sr.

Hal joined the US Army in April 1959, and knew immediately he was where he belonged and dedicated his life to the military.

During his first overseas duty station in Augsburg Germany he became a highly decorated member of the LeClerc Rifle Team. After returning stateside he completed Ranger school, Jump school, Flight school, and Officer Candidate school. He received The Soldier of the Year Award, for the 11th Air Assault Division, and proudly served with the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" which remained his favorite unit throughout his 20 year career.

He served in Viet Nam, and received the Purple Heart.

Hal lived by the Ranger Creed, shouldering more than his share of the task, whatever it might be. 100% and then some.

After retirement from the Army, he started Army JROTC programs at Leone High School, American Samoa, and Green Sea Floyds High School, SC.

After JROTC Hal and Barbara started their rental business in Garden City SC. It brought people into their lives that became treasured longtime friends.

Hal had a passion for life, and he lived it without regret. He valued the friends he made, and touched so many lives with his kindness, compassion, strength, and sense of humor. He was quiet and reserved, but always observant and insightful. He loved his family, traveling, fishing, the beach, and good bourbon.

His is predeceased by his parents Amelia and Harold, his sister Carol Ann Clemence, and his son Harold M Franklin.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara. 2 daughters, Renee Franklin and Laura Sweirski. Grandchildren, Hannah Davisson, Raymond Franklin-Cruz, Jennifer, Jessica, and Julia Rose. Six great grand children, three nieces, a nephew, one uncle, and many cousins.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Major (Ret.) Harold (Hal) R. Franklin Jr..*



March 08, 2023 at 04:16 AM



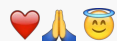
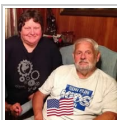
“ *Dad,*

You Are Missed Everyday. I Will Cherish Fond Memories Of You And Keep You In My Heart Always but, Now It's Time For You To Be With Your Parents, Auntie Carol, Your Son And Many Other Family Members. They Are There Waiting For You. One WE Will All Be Together Again.

We Still Have Much To Talk About....Till We Meet Again



Renee Franklin - March 08, 2023 at 02:05 AM



Renee Franklin - March 08, 2023 at 02:13 AM

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“ We were fortunate to have met Hal & Barb when we bought a home across the street from them. We became fast friends. Hal would always come over and check on us when we were in the midst of a project. He always had advice for Alan! Hal also loved brownies which became a regular request from him on our visits! We will miss him watching us from the back deck. He was always good for a wave and conversation. You are missed.

RIP Hal

Sincerely, Alan & Bonnie Gaskell

Bonnie Gaskell - March 07, 2023 at 01:26 PM



*Thank You
He loved his sweets*

Renee Franklin - March 08, 2023 at 02:15 AM

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I'm so glad I got to meet yours and Laura's dad; Hannah's grandfather and Emma's and Landon's great-grandfather. I hope you will share stories with Emma & Landon about their granddad Hal and his life. Give them a heritage to be proud of. I'm so glad I got to meet him years ago. I love all of you dearly!

Elizabeth Vineyard - March 13, 2023 at 10:33 PM