



Randy Alan Ingram

August 16, 1947 - November 9, 2023

Randy Alan Ingram age 76, died Thursday, November 9, 2023 at Tideland's Waccamaw Community Hospital.

Randy A. Ingram was born in South Boston, VA to the late Irene and Hillis Ingram. Randy was a United States Marine and Vietnam Veteran. He also worked at the Universal Leaf Tobacco plant in Danville, Va for many years. He enjoyed riding Harleys, good food, number puzzles and living life to its fullest. Mr. Ingram is survived by his wife Evelyn "Lisa" Ingram, step daughters; Melissa Dix and Brandy Eastwood, grandchildren; Abijah, Destiny, Sanas, Diamond, Anastasia, Colby Ellen, Kara Leigh and Charli Ann, his sisters; Faye Hankins and Vicki Clayburn, a brother in law Paul and wife Patti Heffinger, and sister in laws; Eileen Gregory and Trena and husband Wayne Hudson.

Services will be private.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach chapel is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. My husband, Leonard "Red" Reese, who passed away last year, was in Vietnam in 69-70 and knew Randy. They were good men who served their country well. Rick Materna let me know of Randy's passing.

Cynthia Reese - December 01, 2023 at 06:31 PM

RM

“ Rick M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Alan Ingram.

Rick M. - November 15, 2023 at 02:51 PM

“ I was Randy's Platoon Sergeant in Vietnam. Randy was with Charlie Co (Suicide Charlie) 2nd Plt, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, First Marine Division. He was with the Plt from 1969-70. We operated in what was known as the Arizona Territory which was about 35 miles southwest of Da Nang. Our "rear area" was a base called An Hoa but we really operated out of Hill 65. Every month and a half or two months they would bring us in for hot shower, clean clothes and some hot food to Hill 65. We lived on a selection of 12 types of C-Rations, 3 of which were questionable.

Randy was a Marine I and the other Marines could always count on, whether in a firefight or laying a night ambush he was always there and solid.

On 10 November 1969 we were on a patrol, monsoon rains had started so everything was mud. During the patrol we came across the remnants of a hut and in a corner was a small boy 6-8 years old with both legs shattered. Some one had been keeping him alive with rice and water. His legs were covered in maggots and they had kept his wounds clean and infection free.

We called for a medivac chopper but it was denied.

Randy helped scavenge a parachute which was used to wrap the boy in and we took turns carrying him in. We had all been on tough patrols but this one with the heat and rain, going through rice paddies and carrying the boy wrapped up took it's toll on everyone. It must have taken us 2+ hours to finish our check points on the patrol and get back to our lines. Again, Randy was solid and carried the boy and then carried one of the machine guns when it was one of the gunners turn to carry the boy.

I have included two pictures, unfortunately neither have Randy in them but it gives the reader a sense of the Marines Randy served with. The first is a group picture after returning from the patrol. 10 Nov was the Marine Corps Birthday so they sent us some warm/hot beer to drink. The second is in preparation for a night ambush. This

was a platoon size ambush and a small group had gathered so while we we waiting for Randy and about another 12-13 guys to get their gear ready I decided to take a picture. It was a nice quite night except for the swarms of mosquitos.

Semper Fi Randy - you will certainly be missed by the rest of us.

S/Sgt Rick (Mat) Materna Vietnam 1969-70



Rick Materna - November 15, 2023 at 02:46 PM

DB

“ *Derry Beard sent a virtual gift in memory of Randy Alan Ingram*



Derry Beard - November 13, 2023 at 09:10 PM

AG

“ *So sorry to hear of Randy’s passing. I worked with him for several years at Universal Leaf and always enjoyed being around him. Praying for Gods peace and comfort for the family!!*



Arte Gordon - November 13, 2023 at 06:41 PM



Yes Randy and I both worked there. Eileen is my sister she was the cook. Kenneth was my brother n law. Thank you so much.

Lisa Ingram - November 14, 2023 at 12:25 PM

EH

“ The strongest man I have ever known. He loved me and so did I love him. He was sick so long I am happy he is no longer in any pain. I miss him so much□.

Evelyn Lisa Heffinger - November 11, 2023 at 02:55 PM

PH

We are gonna miss him. So enjoyed him especially since he moved close to us in Garden City. Enjoyed seeing you going to see the ocean with Lisa. Enjoy this Veterans Day with Jesus Marine. Thank you for your service. 🇺🇸❤️🇺🇸

Patti Heffinger - November 11, 2023 at 03:18 PM

MG

*Randy served proudly in Vietnam with 2nd platoon, Charlie company, 1st Bn, 5th Marines Vietnam 1969-70. I was fortunate and honored to be his platoon commander in 2nd platoon. I remember him vividly, doing his job in the difficult circumstances of combat in Vietnam, protecting the Marines on his left and on his right as a 19-year-old Marine. Semper Fidelis, my friend. Save a place for me as you guard the streets of heaven.
Mike Galyean
Vietnam 1969-70
USMC*

Mike Galyean - November 14, 2023 at 03:00 PM