



Retired Sgt. Major Rayond J. Horta

January 19, 2009

MURRELLS INLET – Retired Sgt. Major Raymond J. Horta, 71, of 706 Wessex Drive died Monday, 1/19/09, at home after a period of failing health. He was born in Greenfield, MA on March 9, 1937, the son of Antonio and Elizebeth Unaitis Horta. He served in the US Army for 21 years in the 82nd Airborne retiring in 1976. After his retirement from the US Army he was self-employed for several years then worked for Camping World as a buyer for about 20 years until 2005. The bulk of his military service was served in Fayetteville, N.C. with trips abroad to Vietnam, Korea, Germany and the Dominican Republic. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed dancing with his wife, traveling and spending quality time with his cat, Georgie Girl. He was honest, loving, generous, and wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Seniors Golf, VFW and American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Teresa, who was his best friend and soul mate of 50 years; four children Tari Ann Grimard and Wendy Mullen of Turners Falls, MA, Debbie Andrews of Greenfield, MA, and Mark C. Horta of Georgetown, SC; a brother; two sisters; nine grandchildren and a great granddaughter. He was predeceased by his daughter, Brenda Horta Morris in 1981 and parents. A celebration of his life will be held at 1pm, Friday, 1/23/09, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Garden City, S.C. and a burial service will be held on 2/7/09 in Greenfield, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Michael's Church Building Fund, Cypress Dr., Garden City, S.C. 29576 or the Humane Society at Grand Strand

Shelter, 10th Ave N. Ext., Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so sorry about Ray passing, me and my family have known Ray for a long time, he will be missed.##imported-begin##Jackie Herring Petersen##imported-end##

February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Terri my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God be with you through this difficult time. Nurse Kelly##imported-begin##Kelly##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to you, Terri and your family. We have such good memories of the times we spent together in BG. Glad that friendship has continued through all of these years. Ray will be missed by us all. Dick and Sue##imported-begin##Dick and Sue Ferguson##imported-end##

January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray, had a real zest for life, love of family and friends, and having a great time. There are so many good memories. Terri and Ray could really cut a rug, especially the polka! How smooth. He is missed. Thank God we will one day meet again on the other side.##imported-begin##Bernie & Lois Schwitzgebel##imported-end##

January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *RIP uncle Ray we will miss you. Say hi to Tony for us when you see him at the pearly gates.##imported-begin##chris ware##imported-end##*

January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God be with you and I am thinking of our almost fifty year old friendship. You were always a great husband, father and friend. We will all miss you. An Old Friend Lou##imported-begin##Louis Plank##imported-end##*

January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM