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## Kenneth Clifton – Deceased



**Address:** Deer Park, Texas  
**Dog(s) :**FLASH – A977 , KING –  
**Branch:** USAF  
**Unit(s):** 12th SPS (Cam Ranh Bay & Phu Cat)  
**War(s):** Vietnam



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In Memory of

# Kenneth Wayne 'Big Sarge' Clifton

1946 – 2014

Kenneth Clifton Obituary

**Date of Birth:** Friday, May 3rd, 1946

**Date of Death:** Sunday, February 2nd, 2014



It is with a sad heart that we announce the passing of our hero and beloved friend Kenneth 'Big Sarge' Clifton, 67, on Sunday 02/02/14 while he was in the Houston VA Hospital. His family was at his side.

He was born in Nacogdoches, TX on May 3rd, 1946 to Lake and Sleta Clifton. He is survived by his brother, Travis of Houston, TX; his wife, Gay of Deer Park, TX; daughters, Kelsey of Denton, TX, and Kaitlyn of Houston, TX.

Ken played football in high school, even taking his team to the State competition during his senior year. He joined the Air Force in 1966 and served three tours in Vietnam, where he worked as a dog-handler and MP.

Ken met his future wife at the Pasadena, TX Rodeo, and they celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary this past November. A skilled head journeyman electrician for Houston Lighting & Power Corporation (HL&P), Ken participated in the construction of the majority of Houston's substations.

Following health issues in 2001, Ken retired and began completing missions with the Patriot Guard Riders. In 2008, he was one of first Ride Captains for the SE Texas Patriot Guard Riders.

Ken was an avid outdoors-man and was an accomplished hunter and bowman with a great love of Native American art and classic rock. He was a competition shotgun shooter and well know softball player who traveled the country competing in tournaments. He passed on a deep passion for horses and motorcycles to his eldest daughter and his talent with dogs and bows to his youngest.

Ken couldn't leave the house without meeting someone that he knew, and he will be greatly, missed, but never forgotten.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 8th at 2:00 pm at the **Rosewood Funeral Home at 3939 Pasadena Blvd in Pasadena, TX 77503.**

In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made to the Patriot Guard Riders: [www.patriotguard.org](http://www.patriotguard.org)

Our prayers go out to Gay, his wife, their daughters, and Sarge's other family members and friends.

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