



# Martin L. Vandegrift

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**M**artin "Marty" Laurence Vandegrift, age 73 of Greenwood, DE passed away on Friday, May 27, 2022. He was born on October 14, 1948, in Baltimore, MD, son of the late James E. Sr. and Bertha J. (Corley) Vandegrift.

Marty was raised in the small community of Gray Manor outside of Baltimore, Maryland and attended the local schools graduating from Patapsco Senior High in 1966. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Army Reserves in 1967. Marty's military career included communications security and the infantry culminating as a drill instructor. His military career spanned 24 years before his retirement in 1991 with the rank of E8 First Sergeant.

After Marty's initial training in Massachusetts, he relocated to Manchester and then Bedford, New Hampshire where he worked in sales for numerous companies throughout New England and the East Coast. He continued in sales and relocated to Salisbury, Maryland with a final move to Greenwood, Delaware.

Marty was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed everything that nature had to offer. He had many interests and hobbies. Marty loved hunting and had a special love for goose and duck hunting. He was an active member of B.P.O.E. (Elks), the American Legion and Ducks Unlimited and various additional organizations. Marty also volunteered for the Elks Youth Program and the annual Millard J. Tawes Crab and Clam Bake. Above all, he cherished time spent with those he held most dear. Loved by many, Marty will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry L. Vandegrift. Marty is survived by his son, Derek J. Vandegrift, and his brother, James E, Jr.

Viewing will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, from 6 - 8 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Interment will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 11:00 AM at Garden of Faith Memorial Cemetery, 5598 Trumps Mill Road, Baltimore (Rosedale), MD.



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Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Parsell Funeral Homes requires that masks be worn at all times while inside the facility.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Marty's memory to the Elks Youth Program, <https://www.elks.org/>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022 AT OUR LEWES LOCATION.



# Events

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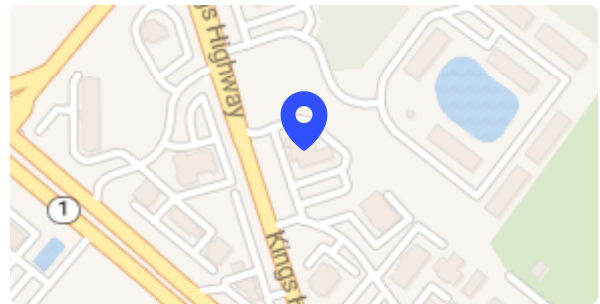
## Viewing

 **Tuesday**, June 7, 2022

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



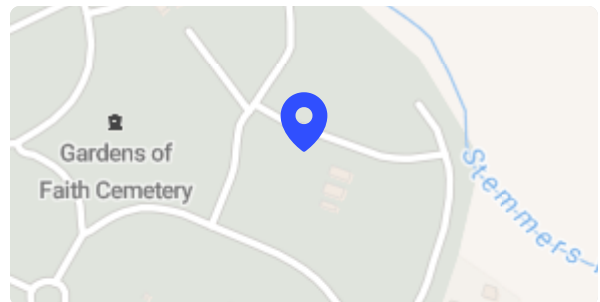
## Graveside Service

 **Tuesday**, June 14, 2022

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Garden of Faith Memorial Gardens**

5598 Trumps Mill Rd, Baltimore MD 21206





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RM

**Richard Meyer** posted:

Marty, was a great friend when at Warner Lambert . Called a few times a year. Sorry didn't know he passed. Was fun to be with and always had my back .

December 8 at 1:26 PM

ND

**Nancy Johnson (Duncan)** posted:

knew Marty early on, we grew up together, elementary, junior high and finally high school Knew his entire family Unfortunately after we graduated we lost contact but he always returned for class reunions He was a character always joking and smiling He will be missed My condolences to his family would like to know where Jimmy is these days and what he is doing RIP Marty Until we meet again

August 23 at 7:17 PM

LB

**Lenny Boisclair** posted:

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dear friend and past neighbor of Bedford, NH. He was fun loving and we had many laughs together. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.  
Lenny & Anne Boisclair

June 8 at 5:36 PM

BR

**Bill And Naomi Randolph** August 22 at 5:02 PM

Marty's friends from the PHS Class of 1966 will miss his boisterous personality, the jokes and laughter he brought to all of our reunions. Where ever Marty was in the room there was laughter. It is with great sadness that Marty's photo will be added to our board of "Fallen Patriots". Bill & Naomi Randolph

BH

**Bonnie Howell** posted:

Marty was a very hard worker for the Youth with Elks Hoop Shoot and Soccer and many other programs. He will be missed by his Lodge and many friends. Bruce Howell, Past State President MD, DE and DC Elks and Bonnie Howell, District Deputy GER, MD, DE and DC Elks Milford Elks#2401

June 7 at 2:53 AM



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**Mary Rybicki** posted:

I knew Marty throughout Bingo activities at Milford Slow Lodge! What a great guy! He will be missed!  
In Sympathy Mary Rybicki

June 5 at 5:15 AM



**Linda Gossman** August 22 at 4:10 AM

Marty and I grew-up together. We went to the same school and church. It is with great sadness that I read about his passing. He was one of the nicest and funniest people I have ever known. Fly high, Marty, now you are reunited with those who have gone on before you. I know I will see you again. My condolences to your son and extended family. May God wrap them in His comforting arms. Rest In Peace dear Marty, your work on earth is done. Linda Gossman (née Orr)



**Bev Johnson** posted:

I met Marty 22 years ago as we played a game online. He became a very good friend of mine. We didn't talk often, but our conversation seemed to pick up like we had spoken every day when we did. He was the reason I searched for a counselor after one of my kids ran into legal trouble. He would tell me to call him after the session and we could talk.. He showed so much care and concern for someone he had never met. we had many conversations about his son going to Boston College and how proud he was of him. Marty was rough around the edges, but he always did it with heart. He always did things for kids because he wanted them to have the experience of participating in an activity. God bless his brother for stepping up when he needed it. Rest in peace, Marty., we will visit again. Save a place for me.

June 3 at 10:26 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Martin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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