



# Mr Robert Collier Minnick

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**M**r. Robert Collier Minnick, age 67, of Newport passed away Tuesday morning, December 13, 2022 at his home.

Bobby was born and raised in Newport, TN. After spending 4 years in the US Air Force, he went into the corporate world and lived/worked all over the United States. He spent almost 25 years planning to retire to Newport. Bobby and Mary Jane loved living in Newport, where he happily spent the rest of his life. Following his retirement, he devoted most of his time to wildlife photography. He was diagnosed with ALS in 2020. He was a faithful member of Episcopal Church of the Annunciation for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Hagan Minnick and Josephine Minnick Foust and step-father Don Foust. He was proud to be the great-grandson of the late Dr. John William Ruble who was the last horse riding physician in Del Rio.

Survivors include his wife Mary Jane Lehto Minnick of the home; children Ashley (Cody) Straub, Mary Josephine Minnick, Robert C. Minnick, Barry Bowers and Leah (Rick) Barbour; 2 grandchildren; sisters Julie Keener and Salli (Mike) Livingston; brother Johnny (Wanda) Minnick; niece Karen (Patrick) Trentham; nephews Andrew (Melissa) Livingston and Patrick (Crystal) Keener.

The funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Episcopal Church of the Annunciation with Father David Garrett and Father James Sharp officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Saturday at the church prior to the service. The interment service will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the ALS Foundation or to the charity of your choice.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home.



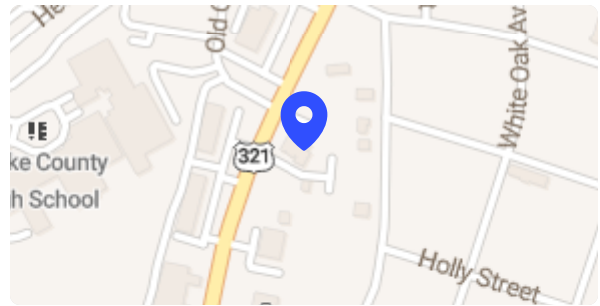
# Events

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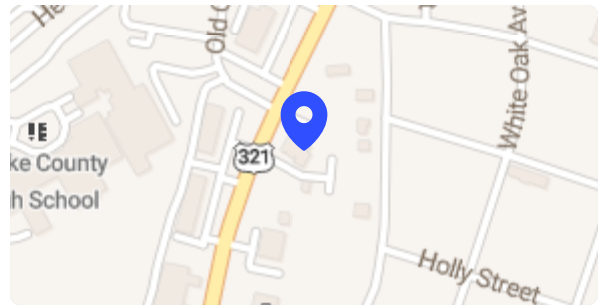
## Receive Friends

- Saturday**, December 17, 2022
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Episcopal Church-Annunciation**  
304 Cosby Hwy, Newport TN 37821-2913



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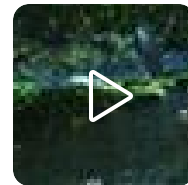
# Tribute Wall

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**Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home** shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 16 at 12:36 PM



**Mark Robinson** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I was unaware of his sickness. Wished I'd talked to him more. To Reminisce of our early childhood. May PEACE and rest be with you Bobby. Take some pictures of God for me please. I would like to share those! Sadness never heals, just gets muffled inward. My siblings know this. May Peace be with you Mary Jane and Minnick family.

January 31 at 6:20 PM



**Mary Jane Minnick** February 4 at 6:42 AM

Thank you Mark!



**Alice** posted:

Mary Jane,I shall always remember Bobby's nice, slow Tennessee drawl and his easy-going ways. I feel fortunate that I got to know him....even though it was only one week a year during family vacation in Sarasota. My prayers are with you and the rest of the Minnick family during this hard time. We will all miss him,Alice Inman

December 19 at 6:02 AM



**Mary Jane Minnick** December 30 at 5:43 PM

Thank you Alice.



**Russ Baxter** posted:

Bobby was kind and the proudest of veterans. The world was better with him in it. Pam and I pray for peace and comfort for Mary Jane, his family and loved ones

December 18 at 6:58 AM



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**Joseph Jones** posted:

Bobby was one of my best friends during our early childhood years. There are so many stories of our kid adventures that it's hard to pick just one, but he reminded me in a Messenger post earlier this year about a real adventure my big brother Chris took us on; I think it was sometime around 1962. Chris took us to Pigeon Forge and we went to a dolphin show! I think it was semi-outdoors with two large water tanks, one for the show, the other for training? I remember we sat on bleachers and watched the show. Then at the end of the show they asked if anyone wanted to swim with dolphins and before we knew it, my brother had volunteered us! We stripped down to our blue jeans and they put us into the training tank, one dolphin for each of us. They had us hold on to the dorsal fin (I'm not sure if they asked if we could swim or not) and just before they gave the signal to the dolphins to dive, they asked us if we knew what dolphins did with their snouts. We said "No." and they said "They kill sharks with them!" The trainer gave the signal and the dolphins pulled us 15' under and once around the tank! And that's the story of how two Newport boys who had never seen the ocean, swam with dolphins in the middle of the Smoky Mountains! Sorry old friend that I lost touch with you and never got a chance to "Party at the Farm", but at our next adventure together it will be Jesus taking us and I'm sure it will be just as fun as swimming with dolphins! Watch the skies! Joe Jones

December 17 at 12:16 PM



**Jimmy And Charlotte Blazer** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



December 17 at 8:33 AM



**Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home** shared 48 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.



December 14 at 12:38 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Minnick family.



December 16 at 9:57 AM



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JG

**Jackie Gorrell** posted:

Have many memories of Bobby from the SMCC when we were younger. What great times we all had. Always loved seeing all of Bobby photographs and what a great eye he had for capturing them. May he Rest In Peace.

December 16 at 7:51 AM

GM

**Gail Metcalf** posted:

Bobby will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers to the family.

December 16 at 7:46 AM

DF

**Debbie Fullington** posted:

I am so sad to hear about Bobby. Such a great guy. My sincere condolences and prayers for your family.

December 16 at 2:33 AM

CB

**Connie & Marsha Ball** posted:

Prayers

December 15 at 7:55 PM

KH

**Kerri Fielding Hensley** posted:

I'm so saddened to hear of the passing of my good friend, Bobby. I have so many great memories growing up with his family as a kid. I'm so thankful we stayed in touch. Fly high my friend, soar with the eagles, and run with the angels! Take some beautiful pictures up there! Prayers for the family during this difficult time. Love, Kerri (Fielding) and Hoop Hensley

December 15 at 6:28 PM



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BM

**Bonnie Morris** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Bobby was an amazing friend and a talented wildlife photographer! He helped me in so many ways when my husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Bobby and Mary Jane drove me to Florida so that I could attend my granddaughter's high school graduation. I could go on and on with stories of all the wonderful things Bobby and Mary Jane did for me and for others. I looked forward to Bobby's pictures every day, some of which he made copies for me. RIP precious friend.



December 15 at 5:45 PM

SS

**Sharon Styles** posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. May you and your family feel God's loving arms around you and give you strength ❤️

December 15 at 5:03 PM

RF

**Ray Fancher** posted:

Mary Jane and sisters, children, sorry for your loss. I have many childhood memories of the Minnick family. My prayers are lifted ...

December 15 at 2:00 PM

JF

**Jill Foster** posted:

Johnny & Julie, I am so sorry for the loss of Bobby. I will miss seeing him and his family at the Grease Rack. Praying for the family. Jill Gorrell Foster

December 15 at 10:27 AM

CR

**Cookie Ramsey** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Bob was a great friend to have. He was an amazing photographer. Have his pictures in my house. RIP Bobby, your work here on earth is done.



December 15 at 9:47 AM



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KR

**Kathryn Truter Von Rueden** posted:

Dear Mary Jane, I am so sorry to hear about Bobby's passing. I didn't know him, but he sounds like he was a wonderful husband, grandfather and friend to many. Sending you all love and a hug. You're in my prayers. Kathryn Truter VonRueden

December 15 at 8:34 AM

MO

**Michael Ottinger** posted:

Sad to hear of our loss. Bobby was a great guy and a good friend. Rest peacefully old buddy.

December 15 at 8:17 AM

CF

**Charlene Frazier** posted:

I have many of Bob's beautiful wildlife photos displayed in my home. Magnificent photographer.

December 15 at 4:25 AM

BR

**Bob Ryan** posted:

Bobby was a life long friend. We enjoyed many activities as kids. I remember being in Hawaii in a golf tournament and out of the blue there was Bobby getting ready to exit the Air Force. After that we spent time together when possible. Here's a funny story between Bobby and my wife Anita. He was up for a visit and Anita had what you call show towels and towels on a rack for him to use. He thought that was hilarious and it was always a laugh when we would catch up. I also enjoyed going to his wedding to Mary Jane, he loved her bunches. I'll miss his photos and his sense of humor but I'll mainly just miss him. Rest in peace old friend. Bob Ryan aka Big Country!

December 14 at 4:02 PM

DK

**Debbie & Herbie Keller** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Debbie Herbie Keller lit a candle in memory of Robert Minnick

December 14 at 3:56 PM





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RR

**Rhonda Ratcliff** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Bobby was a great friend and wonderful photographer! Rhonda Kite Ratcliff, Class of 1973

December 14 at 3:40 PM

JM

**Jude And Mike Moore** posted:

I am one of the fortunate ones to have two of Bobby pictures. Everytime I look at or pass by them, I will think of him and all the pictures he shared with his FB friends. He was loved and admired. MJ is loved and our hearts and prayers go out to her and to Bobby's family.

December 14 at 2:28 PM

KS

**Kathy Santos** posted:

Rest in peace Bobby.

December 14 at 2:27 PM

LJ

**Louise & Jimmy Hux** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Prayers!

December 14 at 12:38 PM





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**Marcus And Shirley Mooneyhan** December 17 at 12:33 PM

So sad to hear of Bob's passing prayers for the family Marcus & Shirley Mooneyhan



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**Mark Robinson** January 31 at 11:04 PM

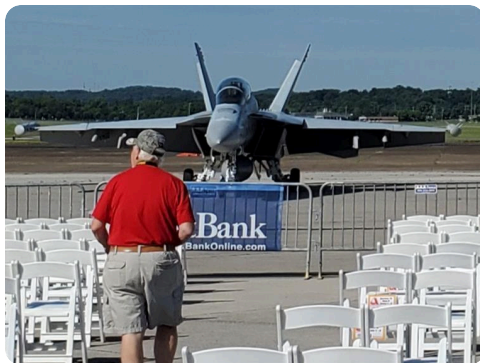
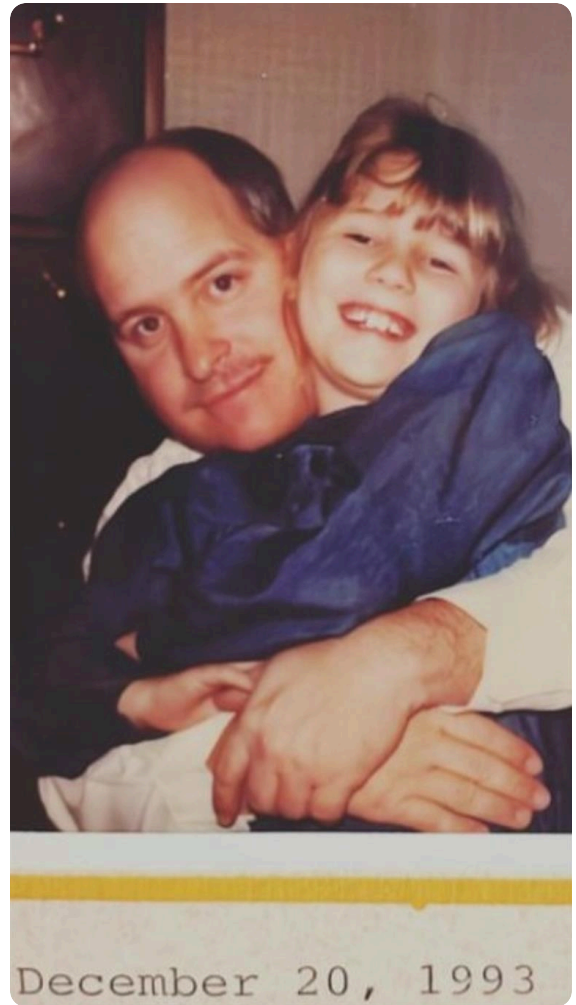
Well done. I think I remember these. Mark Robinson



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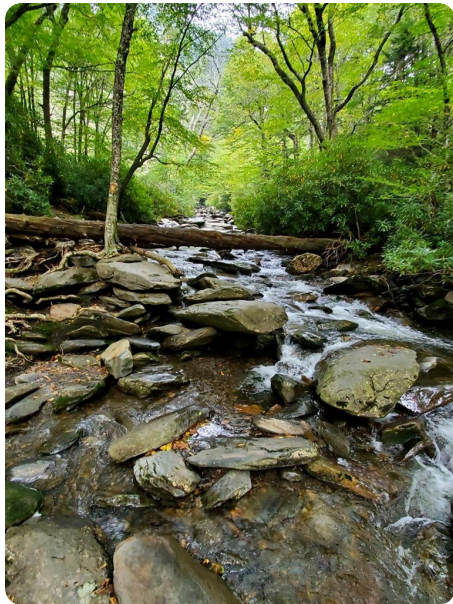
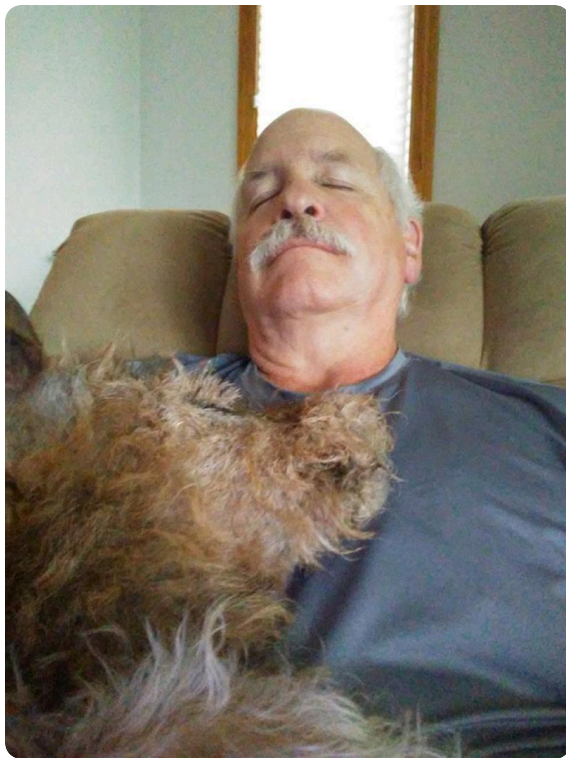




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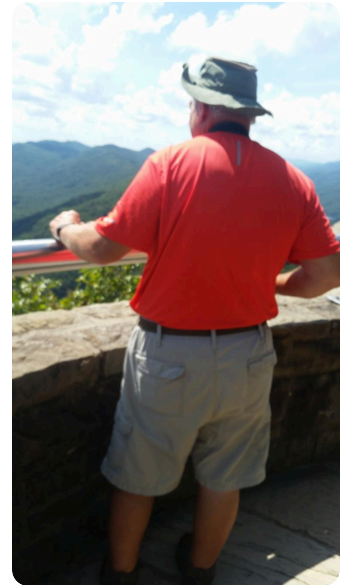




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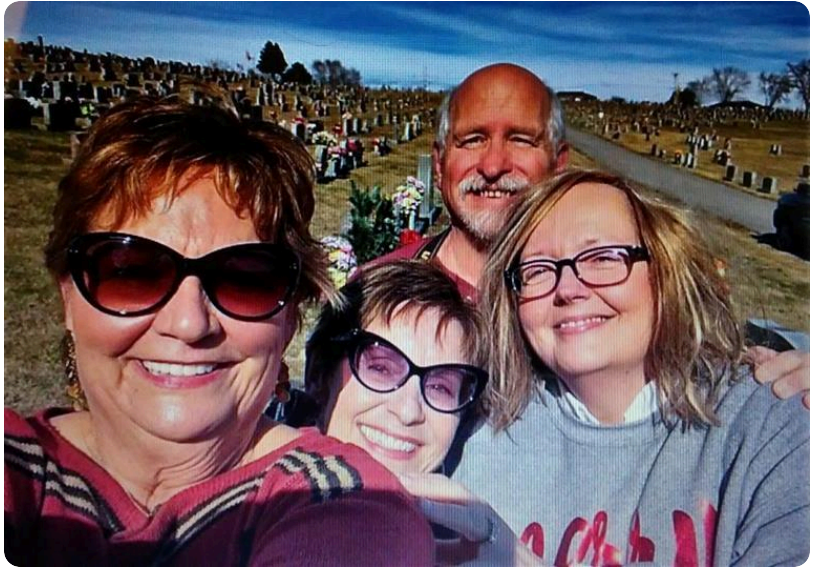




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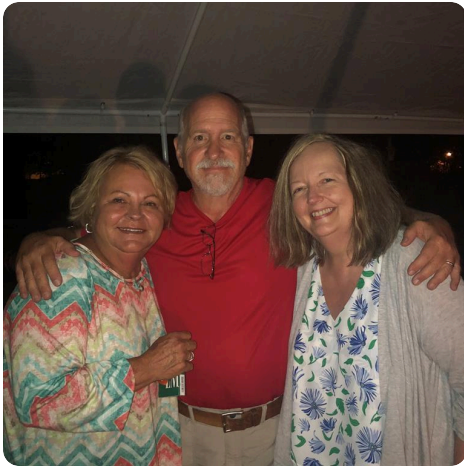




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# Bob and Mary Jane Minnick



Cokee County Cuisine

Janice Buda

Newlyweds Bob and Mary Jane Lehto Minnick lead hectic and busy lives. MJ is an oncology nurse; Bob is a photographer extraordinaire, and yet they find time to do most activities together, including cooking. Mary Jane began following her mom, Jane Lehto, around the kitchen when she was three years old. She would stand on a stool at the stove and stir ingredients. A favorite story of hers is while her parents were sleeping, she believed



today are Minnick chili and buffalo wings. He also shares that all his siblings are great cooks — not surprising since they come from a long line of incredible cooks.

Today Bob and Mary Jane share their recipes for Minnick Chili, BBQ Thighs, Buffalo Chicken Dip and Boiled Cookies. Bon appétit, dear readers, and ENJOY!!

Minnick Chili

1/3 to 1/2 cup hot sauce OR 3/4 cup buffalo sauce — depending on your taste preference  
Pinch of salt  
1/4 tsp black pepper  
Pour into a medium baking dish.

Over the top of this mixture, sprinkle 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Bake 15 — 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with bleu cheese crumbles, if desired.

Serve with Fritos scoops. Enjoy!!

### Boiled Cookies:

This recipe is from my early childhood and is the courtesy of Mrs. Douglas Amick and the Tennessee Club cookbook. This was my mother's cookbook, and I still use it frequently. On the first page of the cookbook it is noted: "a truer friend there cannot be than one who shares her

### Barbeque Thighs:

Depending on the number of people you are feeding, purchase 5 lbs or more of chicken thighs. I prefer the bone-in and skin on thighs so you have something to hold on to; otherwise you will need a fork. Boil chicken thighs for 12 — 15 minutes and place in plastic

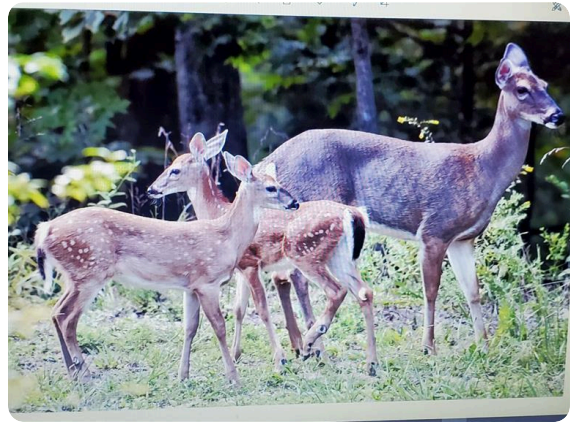
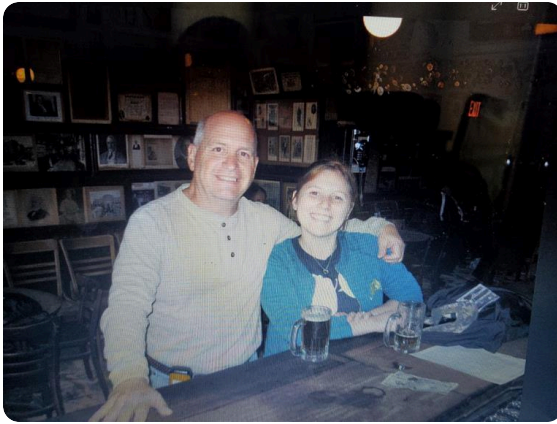




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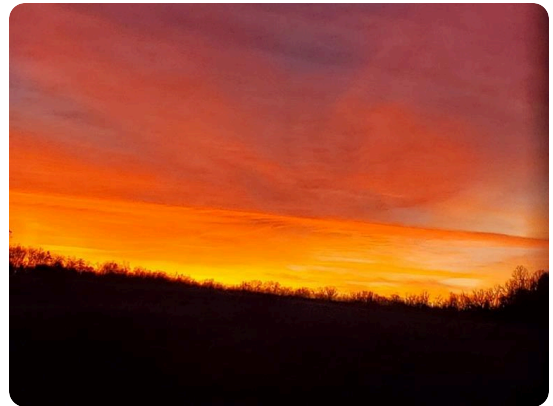
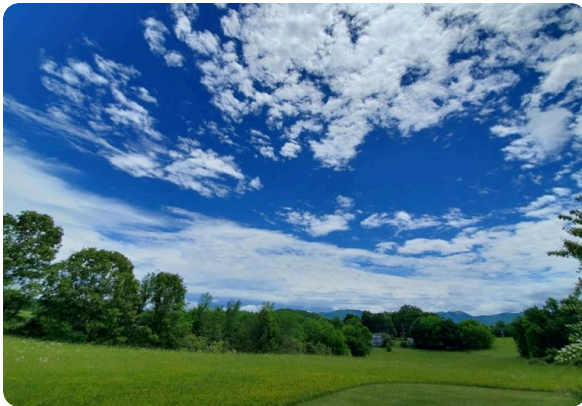
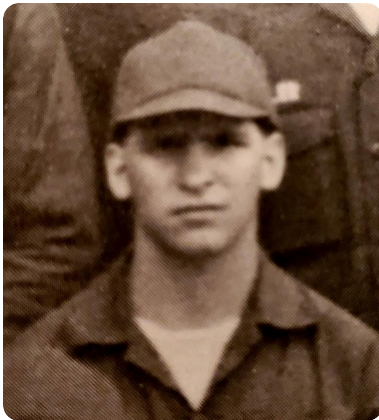




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