



Charles Clay Salhany

August 13, 1952 - April 11, 2018

Charles C. (Butch) Salhany, 65, of Largo, FL, services, including Military Honors, are 1:30PM, Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Bay Pines National Cemetery, 10000 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg, FL. Butch passed away at his home on April 11, 2018. While no one person is able to fully recount the passage of his life, facts and recollections include: Born on August 13, 1952, in Akron, OH, Butch spent his formative years with his parents in a household (of three) located in Akron's Ellet neighborhood. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving 1970-1971, with his last duty assignment aboard the destroyer USS Vesole, based at Charleston, SC. At the conclusion of his military service, Butch returned to the Akron area, later relocated to Burgaw, NC, and finally – circa 1984 – moved near Largo, FL (where his parents were residing in retirement). Eventually, he chose to live with his aging parents in the Largo household. In all three states (Ohio, North Carolina, and Florida) during the 1970s-80s-90s, Butch had experienced married life (four marriages). He made use of his wide range of mechanical skills for his livelihood: among these were gunsmithing, but his primary field was in the maintenance and customizing of motorcycles. Until he ceased riding in his mid-50s, Butch's principle outdoor diversion, throughout his adult life, centered on motorcycles; he also enjoyed times spent at nearby beaches with friends and family. As a son, he exhibited steadfast loyalty: When the family home in Ellet was destroyed by a natural gas explosion in 1979, Butch's assistance with the salvaging and rebuilding was a key component in enabling his parents to return to a normal life. More than two decades later, during often difficult times from the onset of his father's Alzheimer disease and continuing on though his mother's widowhood, final illness and passing in 2009, Butch attended to their aid and comfort. Butch is preceded in death by his parents, Charles G. and Dorothy L. Salhany; his paternal grandparents, George and Mary Salhany; his maternal grandparents, Euclid and Rose Bishop; and also by a few of his close friends, including Mike Morgan. Surviving 1st cousins reside in Iowa, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Cemetery

Bay Pines National Cemetery

10000 Bay Pines Blvd. N.
Bay Pines, FL, 33744

Events

JUN 27 **Military Honors** 01:30PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ 11 files added to the album Butch



Colin Salhany - May 21, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ Butch was much loved by our family and friends. Our friendship outlasted our marriage his humor filled our hearts with beautiful memories.

Lori Salhany- Leiby - January 03, 2019 at 01:10 AM



“ That's a very nice sentiment to express, Lori. Thank you. (I'm adding some photos to this memorial shortly.)

Colin Salhany - January 29, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ Thank you. My father adored Butch they remained friends. They shared mechanical interest. I was married to Butch from 01/07 77 through August 79. We were married at the time of the gas explosion that took our home. The fire took all of our pictures my sister is looking for some to share. Beautiful job on the memorial. Always in our hearts.

Lori Salhany Leiby - March 11, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ For some reason was unable to add photos here (but see either findagrave.com or legacy.com). I recall the gas explosion and have those Akron Beacon Journal articles.

Colin Salhany - April 30, 2019 at 12:00 PM



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Colin Salhany - May 24, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ Wish to express my appreciation for my cousin's U.S. Navy service during the early 1970s, as well as some good memories of our brief times together in the Largo area. Also, with Memorial Day approaching, it is fitting to mention here that Butch (Charles C. Salhany) often recalled with pride his father's (Charles G. Salhany) U.S. Navy service in the Pacific theater during World War II. (Currently awaiting Dept. of Defense paperwork which would allow Butch to symbolically rejoin his parents at the Bay Pines National Cemetery.)

Colin Salhany - May 24, 2018 at 11:11 AM