



Colonel John Richard Underwood

March 9, 2022

Colonel John Richard Underwood of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, and Walhalla, South Carolina died on March 9, 2022.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Sue Lay Underwood; son John Richard Underwood Jr. (Sally) of Prescott, AZ; daughter Jana Susan Poole (Russell) of Lewisberry, PA; son Stewart Douglas Underwood (Kyung-Bin Alice) of Carlisle, PA; and sister Ruth Jean Phillips of Walhalla, SC.

Colonel and Mrs. Underwood have seven grandchildren and soon to be nine great-grandchildren. Colonel Underwood was predeceased by his parents James Alfred and Idabelle Oelkers Underwood.

Colonel Underwood, a graduate of Clemson University, was commissioned in the regular army in 1955. He commanded Air Defense missile and gun units at every level including Nike Hercules nuclear units in the Cincinnati and Chicago defenses and missile training units at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He was a veteran of Vietnam and an Arabic specialist with service in Saudi Arabia and six years as Military Attache to the Arab Republic of Egypt. Following retirement from military service, Colonel Underwood was seconded to the Department of State and served twelve years as Director General's Representative to Egypt of the Multinational Force and Observers. Colonel and Mrs. Underwood moved to Carlisle PA in 1998 and lived there until

moving to Camp Hill in 2019.

Colonel Underwood was a graduate of numerous Air Defense and Artillery schools, the Command and General Staff College, the Defense Attache School, the Foreign Service Institute, and the Army War College. Colonel Underwood's awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit w/oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal w/oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the General Staff Identification Badge.

No public viewing is planned. Colonel Underwood's body will be cremated and his remains buried in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Colonel John Richard Underwood*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Joan And Dwight Fretwell lit a candle in memory of Colonel John Richard Underwood*



Joan and Dwight Fretwell - March 13, 2022 at 11:14 PM



“ *Bobbie Jean Ledford lit a candle in memory of Colonel John Richard Underwood*



Bobbie Jean Ledford - March 13, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *Mildred L LeCroy lit a candle in memory of Colonel John Richard Underwood*



Mildred L LeCroy - March 13, 2022 at 07:57 AM

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“ Aunt Sue, Rick, Jana, Stewart, Ruth Jean and families, we are so sorry for your loss. We have you in our thoughts and prayers. May God's love and promise give you comfort in the days ahead. As his nephew, I have always had the utmost respect for Uncle Dick and pride for you, his family, for the love, support, sacrifices and commitment you have always given him. We love you guys and share your loss.



Burgess (Bird) Laye - March 12, 2022 at 07:32 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Underwood's passing!
Sending love and prayers to the family.
Pamela Pepper Grant

Pam Grant - March 12, 2022 at 10:30 AM