



Henry "Butch" Edward Alters

June 6, 1945 - September 14, 2020

Henry Edward "Butch" Alters, age 75, of Wilmington, DE, went home to be with the Lord and his predeceased loving wife of over 34 years, Virginia M. Alters.

Henry was born in 1945 in West Chester, PA as Harry Edward Tuckloff Jr., to the late Harry E. and Thelma Pearl Tuckloff but has used his legal guardian's name of Henry E. Alters since he was 10 years old. Henry grew up in the Wilmington, DE and attended St. Patrick's and Sacred Heart parochial schools and graduated from Wilmington High School in 1963. He graduated from Goldey Beacon College in 1978, where he made the Dean's List four out of six trimesters and obtained an Associate's Degree in Business Management.

Butch enlisted in the Navy in 1963 until honorably discharged in 1967. He served on the Amphibious Flagship, the USS Taconic AGC-1 and the USS Telefair APA 10. In 1965, his ship the Taconic was deployed to Santo Domingo for 2 months for crises intervention. Henry also served in the Delaware National Guard for 2 enlistments from 1974 to 1976 and as a supply sergeant at Headquarters Company in the 281st Army Band in 1983. Butch worked at many jobs at the age of 16, he was a movie usher at the Old Ritz Theater and also at Warner and Towne movie houses. He worked at Jos Bancroft Co., Avisun Corp as a lab tech, Electric Hose and Rubber, Standard Chlorine, Heils and Spatz Fiberglass and for over 32 years as a truck driver, boom crane operator at A. H. Angerstein Inc. He also worked part time for many security guard agencies. His last job was at the Easterseals as a bus driver, which he found to be his most rewarding. Henry enjoyed horse racing and had worked for a while in 1971 on the starting gate at Delaware Park.

Henry is predeceased by brothers, Vernon McNelly of Smyra, DE, and Roy McNelly of Georgia; sisters, Verna Trump of Hartly, DE and Cathy Bowers of Emmitsburg, MD. He is survived by sisters, Brenda Strain of Hertford, NC, Ruth Gleason, Wolfsville, MD and Debbie Stevens of New Castle, DE; stepson, James (Patty Carter) Roberts and dear friend and caregiver, Connie Fox.

Interment will be held on September 29, 2020 at 1PM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, where he will be laid to rest with his loving wife, Virginia. Contributions may be made to Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, 61 Corporate Circle,

New Castle, DE 19720.

Cemetery

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2465 Chesapeake City Road
Bear, DE,

Events

SEP 29 **Burial** 01:00PM

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2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE,
US

Comments



“ I loved my brother Butch, (Henry Alters) so much. He was the best big brother, so kind and loveable and loved by all who knew him. He was the author of hundreds of poems in which he shared his deepest thoughts. He was not able to speak in his last few days, but in this poem from last April he gives us the words that he could not say to comfort our grieving hearts.

GOODBYE IS SUCH A LONELY WORD

When your eyes open
And gaze upon the dawn
Don't turn to look for me
For I'll be gone
It's not my choosing to
Leave you so far behind
But father time has
Grown lately, on my mind
And it's about crossing into
Some new horizon
And I'm treading new roads
And pathways...upon a new sun
Arising
So for me please
Don't be grieving
About me a leaving
For better roads...I pray
Are ahead
And to save my very soul
I pray to the one
Who for all of us bled
And when you think about it
It's not wrong nor is it absurd
To say that goodbye
Is such a lonely word



Deborah Ann Stevens - September 27, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ Janet sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry "Butch" Edward Alters



Janet - September 17, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ I will miss my roommate, I enjoyed hearing his stories about the navy and how much he loved and missed his wife. The picture is of my chihuahua chiquita who also passed away in April she and Henry liked to play and also relaxing. I will miss his good chili. He was always helping others and loved driving the bus. GOD BLESS THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. My prayers are with you. Janet Grosso



Janet Grosso - September 17, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Henry's passing and our condolences to his family. Henry was our daughter's Easter Seals bus driver for many years. He was truly one of the kindest and good-hearted souls that we have ever met. Always a smile - it was evident that he loved his passengers and we knew our daughter was in good hands on "Henry's bus". Godspeed Henry - rest in peace. Love The Ganc Family - especially Maura & Mark and Patty

Patricia Ganc - September 16, 2020 at 06:39 AM



“ Rest in peace, my friend. you were a good friend n I am going to miss you.
Condolences to the family.



mary E bautista - September 15, 2020 at 07:48 PM