



John Donald "GYPSY" Trott

May 28, 1935 - May 2, 2024

John Donald Trott, "GYPSY", passed away peacefully in his wife's arms on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Elsmere VA Hospital. Don was born on May 28, 1935, in Baltimore, MD. He served honorably in the US Army from June 2, 1952, until March 5, 1966. From July 1961 until January of 1963, he saw combat service in Vietnam. He was assigned to Company A, 2nd Airborne Battle Group, 503rd Infantry Regiment and 5th Special Forces Group out of Fort Bragg, NC. Operating with the 5th Special Forces Group, he trained and organized South Vietnamese forces and Montagnard forces as part of the Civilian Irregular Group (CIDG). These were highly classified and special operations. In 1962, they became part of a newly organized group in Vietnam called MACV (Military Assistance Command Vietnam). This unit served with honor and distinction throughout the war and was one of the last units to leave Vietnam. Later in life Don worked at Chrysler in Newark, DE and the Elsmere VA Medical Center.

In 1975, Gypsy became the national president of the Pagans Nation. He was the 4th national president of the PMC. Under Gypsy's leadership and guidance many were influenced in shaping the early days of the PMC. One of his many accomplishments was bridging the gap between the PMC and the Thunder Guards, solidifying a stronger unit.

Don is survived by his wife, Reylene Trott; sister, Barbara Hale, nephew,

Ronald; son, John Don Trott Jr. and wife, Jane Elizabeth; daughters, Mary Ellen and Ashley Dianne; grandchildren: Cassandra Nichole, Lindsay Alexandria, Arielle Marie, Jordan Taylor, Brock and Logan; great-grandchildren, Callum John and Isla Rose; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Services and burial will be private. To send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

JO

“ I spent a lot of time with GYPSY he had a lot of stories that would raise the hairs on your neck I loved to listen to them I'll always remember the endless days we spent talking, waiting for Freedom, Rest easy now GYPSY, you're finally free

Joe - April 02 at 11:21 PM

RM

“ I met Gypsy the Wise Common Sense Talkin Pagan Man in 1977 when eye was 12 years old , Gypsy talked with me AND HELPED ME TO BEGIN MY JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE REST EASY GYPSY .

Roger Matthews - March 01, 2025 at 07:38 AM

RM

“ AT TIMES LIKE THESE LET US NOT FALL TO OUR KNEES IN THE DEPTHS OF SORROW BUT TRACE OUR THOUGHTS TO YESTERDAYS TOMORROW .

Roger Matthews - February 28, 2025 at 09:06 PM

GD

“ Rest in peace Gypsy. AATW !!!!!

Gary Dunwell - August 16, 2024 at 09:10 AM

RL

“ For all the time I knew him at the VA I never saw him with out a big smile and a warm handshake! Great man!

Rick Lovekin - June 02, 2024 at 11:49 AM

LB

“ *Sending condolences from the Bedwell family*

Lisa M Bedwell - June 02, 2024 at 04:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Donald "GYPSY" Trott.*



May 24, 2024 at 10:50 AM

BG

“ *Rey and family, my deepest sympathy for the great loss you have suffered. A revered man that will be greatly missed by all that knew him. Bev*

Bev Gregorio - May 23, 2024 at 11:52 PM

DV

“ *see you on the other side Brother Ride easy till we meet again glad to call you friend Douglas Vass*

Douglas Vass - May 20, 2024 at 10:12 AM

TC

“ *The Peterson Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Donald "GYPSY" Trott.*

The Peterson Company - May 17, 2024 at 08:51 AM



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May 17, 2024 at 08:51 AM



“ You're gonna be missed by many you've touched a lot of lives and I'm glad that mine was one of them



Punkie - May 15, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ Thank you for being our Pop , standing in to give me away all the birthday cakes especially Thank you for being JJ & Jacobs PopPop, and making him want to go into the service like his PopPops.



Donna Julian-Legeza - May 15, 2024 at 04:10 PM

DO

“ I will always be thankful for your kindness , support & love Pop. Till we meet again , say hello to everyone for me. I promise i will do what you asked



Donna - May 15, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KK

“ Deepest sympathy to Rey and her family on the loss of their loved one. I hope you will cherish all your fond memories.



Karen Kolodi - May 14, 2024 at 07:00 PM

CS

“ I remember him as someone who was different than anyone I knew. My grandmother would invite him into our home. We would have lunch and listen to his stories. Rest in peace.

Charline Secrest - May 14, 2024 at 05:30 PM

TJ

“ Blackie Grease and honey. I walked the dogs. His smile and hugs

Tina Jones - May 14, 2024 at 05:52 AM