



## Earl E. Covey

September 21, 2022

February 5, 1939 – September 21, 2022

Earl Elmer Covey of Woodbridge, Virginia, passed away on September 21, 2022, at the age of 83. Earl is survived by his loving wife, Irene (Honey Babe), his sister-in-law Roswitha Fick, and his siblings Donna Mae, Walter, Milo, JB, and Wayne.

He was a loving uncle to Irene Fick, Kathleen Dolce (husband John), and Jeanette Miller (husband Dwayne), and a loving great-uncle to Stephanie Weaver (husband Jeremy), Dustin Miller (wife Veronica), Ashlie Dolce, Nicki Dolce, five nieces, and nine nephews. He was also a great-great-uncle to Landyn Weaver, Kaylianna Weaver, and Aiden Weaver.

Earl was preceded in death by his father Rex, mother Katherine, siblings Marthelma, Dean, Niva, Susie Ann, Eloyal Carmon, Dwe, and Allen; brother-in-law Ralph Fick; and mother-in-law Agnes Marr.

He was born on February 5, 1939 in Blaine Watonga, Oklahoma, to Rex Covey and Katherine (Roberts) Covey.

Earl fell in love with and married the woman of his dreams, his “honey babe” Irene, on September 26, 1970.

Earl served in the Air Force and the Marines and received the Vietnam

Gallantry Cross (VCG) with a Bronze Star. The VGC medal was presented by South Vietnam in recognition of Earl's valor and gallantry while serving in active combat against enemy forces. In addition, Earl received the following:

- Navy Commendation Medal for performing an exceedingly heroic act
- Combat Action Ribbon for actively engaging the enemy in retaliatory counter fire actions
- Presidential Unit Citation in recognition of the heroic or meritorious service or specific achievements of his unit
- Good Conduct Medal for three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service"
- National Defense Service Medal in recognition of active duty service during a declared "national emergency"
- Vietnam Service Medal for his service during the Vietnam War
- Vietnam Campaign Medal for his military support of operations in Vietnam.

Earl was a Master Mason and held membership in the John A. Lejeune #350 Lodge for more than 50 years, serving as Worship Master in 1977. He also served in the Alexandria Washington #22 Lodge. He was a member of the National Sojourner, and was Past Commander of Samuel Nicholas Heroes of 76 Camp #44. He was known for toasting the flag and would perform the toast on command.

Although Earl and Irene did not have children, they treated all their nieces and nephews as their own and embraced every moment they could with them. Earl was always supportive, teaching them how to ride a bike or drive a car. He went to every game and school event. At heart, he was just a big kid. He played games with all his nieces and nephews, made up stories, and told silly and corny jokes that made them all laugh.

Services for Earl will be at Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, Virginia, at noon on Friday, October 7, 2022, followed by a military honor service at Quantico Cemetery at 1:30 pm. A celebration of life will be held at the home of his niece, Irene at the conclusion of both services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Alzheimer's Association (Alzheimer's Association | Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Help) or to a charity of your choice in his name.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-878-CARE (2273)  
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

## Graveside Service

OCT 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall



“ *Earl E. Covey*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *103 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.** - October 07, 2022 at 08:03 AM



“ *Covey and Bell families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Earl E. Covey.*



**Covey and Bell families** - October 04, 2022 at 08:44 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeanette Miller - October 02, 2022 at 09:39 AM

JM

*I had to upload the video again, because the first one didn't have sound...*

Jeanette Miller - October 02, 2022 at 01:42 PM

WC

*Earl seemed so happy for having company. Thank you, Walt & Ruth*

Walter Covey - October 06, 2022 at 02:13 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeanette Miller - October 01, 2022 at 08:03 PM

 Irene Fick

*Enjoyed this visit so much. The nursing home said he was declining. So hard to see how quickly that decline happened. Five months later he was in heaven.*

Irene Fick - October 02, 2022 at 06:34 AM

BE

*He spent time with my son encouraging him at the lake in Stewart's Draft. The time was brief but he was a strong male figure when my son needed it most. Thank you Uncle Earl, you will never be forgotten. A grateful mom*

**Betty** - October 03, 2022 at 10:25 AM

JM

“ 104 files added to the album *Memories Over the Years*



**Jeanette Miller** - September 30, 2022 at 12:58 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

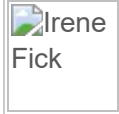


**Jeanette Miller** - September 30, 2022 at 10:39 AM

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*this is my Uncle doing his Tribute to the Flag*

**Jeanette Miller** - September 30, 2022 at 02:46 PM



*I always loved when he did this every National Holiday. So glad we have it on video.*

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**Irene Fick** - September 30, 2022 at 05:52 PM



*“ I spent many hours with my 3 girls at Earl’s garage. He was my mentor through all 3 degrees. His way of teaching catechism you learn the question and the answer. When it came to do the return you asked yourself the question along with the response. Besides being a Marines Marine, he was a loyal Brother to the fraternity and my friend. Miss our weekly luncheon’s at Costco always a hot dog.*

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**pete cutler** - September 30, 2022 at 08:59 AM



*Thank you Pete*

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**Jeanette Miller** - September 30, 2022 at 09:47 AM



*To Tante and Family,*

*I am truly sorry for your loss. I know "Uncie" has gone to a better place. I always enjoyed seeing him at parties and other family functions. He was a great man and I always enjoyed his Tribute to the Flag. May your warm and happy memories bring you comfort.*

*Nancy Sneddon*

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**Nancy Sneddon** - October 01, 2022 at 02:39 PM