



Gordon Eidem

July 12, 2025

Bert was born on October 9, 1945, in Washington, D.C., and grew up in nearby Alexandria, Virginia, where he attended George Washington High School. He dedicated more than a quarter century to the United States Marine Corps, beginning with four years of active duty, and rising through the ranks to ultimately retire as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. He served with distinction in Virginia Beach with the Marine Control Squadron, at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and even as far as Iwakuni, Japan. Technically gifted, Bert worked as a radio repairman, technician, and later as a Tactical Data Systems Chief—roles that required precision, trust, and a deep understanding of mission-critical systems.

After retiring from the military, Bert brought his same dedication to the civilian sector, spending over ten years providing quality control for Isomet, ultimately playing an important role in setting up their factory in Japan. Bert then spent fourteen years at Telos Corporation as a Quality Inspector, continuing to apply his attention to detail.

For the majority of his life, he was a proud resident of Cardinal Forest in Springfield, Virginia, where he served for years as an active and impactful board member, helping shape the neighborhood he deeply cared for. He was also an NRA-certified firearms instructor and a certified range safety officer.

At Darlington Court, his home, he was a constant and consistent presence. He joined us for birthdays and neighborhood gatherings and holidays, and was the most frequent guest at the Thatcher household. And if there was a dog nearby—he was probably walking it, petting it, or talking to it. His love for animals was well known.

Bert lived life on his own terms and today we say goodbye to a Marine, a neighbor, and a friend, and we know he is now in the company of his beloved dog, Cinnamon.

Rest easy, Bert. Semper Fi.

Funeral Services will be held on August 8, 2025 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd. Woodbridge, Virginia followed by interment at the National Cemetery Quantico Virginia.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)


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

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall



Trish
Foshee

“ I had the privilege of serving alongside Bert as a volunteer board member in Cardinal Forest, where he held the role of treasurer with exceptional diligence. He approached his fiduciary responsibilities with unwavering commitment, always ensuring that financial matters were handled with care and precision. Bert was well-prepared for every meeting, often arriving early with detailed notes and thoughtful insights that reflected his deep understanding of history of the association's finances and the issues at hand. He was deeply respected not only for his professionalism but also for his genuine care for the Cardinal Forest owners and community we served.

Bert was justly proud of his Marine Corps military career, which was marked by courage and discipline, and that same spirit of service carried into every aspect of his civilian life. May his memory will continue to inspire us to lead with the same commitment and care that he exemplified.

Trish Foshee - August 09, 2025 at 09:00 AM



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“ Bert was probably known best in the neighborhood as "Uncle Bert", He was always there to help when you were in need. If your car was broke down, he would give you a ride or loan you one of his vehicles. If you needed a babysitter or a dogsitter he was always there for you. He would even come over to ask if he could walk Winston. His love of animals was renowned. Semper Fi Bert.

Craig Seykowski - August 08, 2025 at 07:53 AM

VZ

“ Bert doing what he loved to do. Board Treasurer at a Cardinal Forest Annual Meeting - November 2019



Vanessa Zambrana - August 07, 2025 at 10:45 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album Bert Photos



Craig Seykowski - August 07, 2025 at 06:44 PM

EV

“ Always fighting for what he believed in, so fortunate that Bert was part of the Cardinal Forest Community, as his actions were always in our best interest. A hidden sense of humor that I was fortunate to experience a few times, truly a sweet memory.

Evelyn - August 05, 2025 at 06:51 PM

AE

“ Met Bert as a fellow Board Member of Cardinal Forest. While he was Treasurer, was on his Investment Committee. As a fellow Veteran we became friendly and would meet at least once a month for lunch. At times daughter Corteney would join us. Shocked when we heard of his passing. Miss him so much. Alex

Alex Erhard - August 04, 2025 at 06:27 PM