



## Dennis E. Reinhart

October 20, 1947 - April 11, 2025

Dennis Earl Reinhart, 77, passed away on April 11th, 2025, at the Cincinnati University Hospital after nearly a 12 year battle with bone cancer. He was born to Paul (Frankie) and Ellen Reinhart who have both passed.

He has one daughter, Shelly (Jim) Howard Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and two grandsons, Gabe and Brady Howard. Dennis has one brother, Douglas (Trudie) Reinhardt, who have two sons, Lucas (Cheryl) Reinhardt, with sons, Hudson and Owen, and Matthew (Allison) Reinhart, who have twins, Lucy and Leo.

Dennis was raised on a farm just north of the village of New Hampshire in eastern Auglaize County and graduated from Waynesfield Goshen School in 1965. After graduation, Dennis worked construction before entering the U. S. Army and serving in Vietnam during 1968. While there he was the point man on patrols for several months. In basic training in Fort Knox, he was awarded for being the most physically fit in his division. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Expert Rifle Badge and left the military with the rank of sergeant. When he entered civilian life Dennis was employed as a deputy sheriff for Allen County for several years before joining the workforce in the Ford Motor Company as a millwright initially at the Lima plant and then moving to the Cincinnati Sharonville plant where he retired.

Dennis was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent whatever time he could outdoors. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 1069 in Fairfield, OH, American Legion Post 0530 in Cincinnati, and Amvets post #71 in Fairfield,

OH.

The family wishes to especially thank his close friends Randy and his wife, Crystal, and many friends at the AMVETS who helped him throughout his struggles. Thanks also to the caregivers at the Cincinnati VA Hospital and Cincinnati University Hospital. They were all saints.

A Celebration of Dennis' Life will be held on April 29th at the Amvets post #71 in Fairfield, OH, from noon to 4:00 PM. There will be visitation at the Eley Funeral Home, 200 East Wapakoneta Street, in Waynesfield, OH, on May 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and May 24th, beginning at 10 AM with services at 11. Interment will follow in the Walnut Hill Cemetery east of New Hampshire., where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Poist #8445. Memorial contributions can be made to the AMVETS Post 71, Fairfield, OH, or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Walnut Hill Cemetery

St. Rt. 385  
New Hampshire, OH

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **29**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Amvets Post #71  
Fairfield, OH

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 E Wapakoneta St  
Waynesfield, OH 45896  
(419) 780-5050

## Visitation

MAY **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Waynesfield, OH 45896  
(419) 780-5050

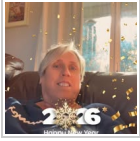
## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ I know you didn't know me, but I always knew of you. I hope you had a full life of love and happiness. I just want you to know I have had a life full of blessings, I only wish you would have been there to share them. You no longer have to keep me as a secret. May you rest in peace.

*sincerely your biological daughter,  
Tonya Gray*

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**Tonya Gray** - April 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM

A blue square profile picture with the white letters 'KP' in the center.

“ Deepest sympathy to Doug and the family. My prayer is for comfort during this difficult time.

*Karen (Stiles) Perrine*

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**Karen (Stiles) Perrine** - April 18, 2025 at 06:50 PM

A green square profile picture with the white letters 'LM' in the center.

“ Rest in peace Denny, you will always be in my thoughts and prayers to Doug and his family. Lynette Moore Main

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**Lynette Main** - April 15, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Dennis E. Reinhart, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Army Veteran, Dennis Earl Reinhart, is “A True American Hero”  
God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - April 15, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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*I wish to offer my deepest condolences to the family of Dennis Reinhart.*

*We shared a love of hunting and the outdoors. No surprise that Dennis earned the Expert Rifle Badge.*

*We both had a stretch of the Muchinippi Creek that provided many early adventures for us farm boys together with our 22's,*

*He was a good man, a hero, and a fine soldier.  
Rest in peace Dennis,*

*John Paul Reinhart  
Pennsylvania*

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**John Paul Reinhart** - April 19, 2025 at 02:54 PM