



Vern R. Townsend, Sr.

August 2, 1935 - January 4, 2018

Vern Richard Townsend Sr., 82, of Wallington, passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2018. He was born in Sheridan, Wyoming and spent 6 years in North Carolina before settling in New Jersey in 1975. He worked at Matthew International in Clifton for 15 years then Bergen Community College in Paramus for 10 years retiring in 1997. Vern was a very proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving in Vietnam. He represented our country for 22 years retiring as a Staff Sergeant in 1975. Vern was the beloved husband of Joanne A. (Krakowski) Townsend, devoted father of Richard Townsend and his fiancé Jill Wilkins, of Colonia, Vern R. Townsend Jr. and his wife Sueli, of Garfield and Karen Townsend of Little Ferry. He was the loving grandfather of Trent and Adrian Rubio, Kayla and Richard Townsend and Amandalynn Wilkins.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington
106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Tribute Wall



“ Vern R. Townsend, Sr.

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ To the Townsend family-
On behalf of myself, having just learned of you loss over 2 years ago, from afar, I extend my sincerest condolences on the passing of your husband, father, relative and friend to many, SSGT VERN TOWNSEND, USMC (Ret). A man of humble beginnings foundationed in Wyoming, Verns travels and service militarily made him an honorable man who was not only proud to be a Marine, but being a consummate family man with unselfish character to others. May his deeds to his family, community and nation be rewarded in life everlasting. Semper fi Vern, you will be missed. Respectfully submitted-
David Pelletier, SMSgt, USAF (AFRES)(Ret)
Life member, 1LT (CH) William Davitt VFW Post 625, Chicopee, MA

David Pelletier - October 05, 2020 at 12:51 AM



“ Joann & family i am so sorry to hear about Vern I am gonna miss waiting on you guys on a daily basis. Did not know til this week that he had passed you guys kinda became like family to me I still can't believe it. Thoughts & prayers for all & hope he is at peace now.

Linda
From Flapjax

Linda From Flapjax - January 17, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vern R. Townsend, Sr..*



January 12, 2018 at 04:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vern R. Townsend, Sr..*



January 11, 2018 at 12:35 PM



“ *Love John, Janice, Jennifer & Stephanie Krakowski purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vern R. Townsend, Sr..*



Love John, Janice, Jennifer & Stephanie Krakowski - January 11, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vern R. Townsend, Sr..*



January 11, 2018 at 07:48 AM

KT

“Daddy I can't believe your gone, but I know your at peace now. You will always be looking down on us . Please always watch over Trent and Adrian. The boys love you so much! I will always be your little girl! You will always be my hero! I love you and miss you so much!

Karen Townsend - January 10, 2018 at 08:21 PM

CB

“So very sorry to hear about your father he was a very quiet and good person. Charlie and I have wonderful memories of Vern when we lived across the street from your family on Tuttle St. He will be in our prayers. Peace to you and your family at this time. Much love to all.



Claudia and Charles Barto - January 10, 2018 at 08:13 PM

IF

“In loving memory, The Foose family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vern R. Townsend, Sr..



In loving memory, The Foose family - January 10, 2018 at 05:47 PM

SD

“Our deepest condolences to Karen, Trent, Adrian and the entire Townsend Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
The Davi's

Stefania Davi - January 10, 2018 at 05:17 PM

ME

“ So sorry for the loss of your father You and your family are in our prayers at this most difficult time. We are here if you need anything

*Sincerely your neighbors
The Elmo's*

Mary Miranda Elmo - January 10, 2018 at 05:06 PM

JB

“ The first time I went to meet Richard’s parents I was scared to death. What if they didn’t like me? What if they were mean? Richard was no help, he is the one who put the fear of God into me! I was the one who had to talk myself off the ledge lol! When I finally got to Karen’s house I bravely walked in the door, I was immediately bombarded by this tiny woman who grabbed me like she was a football player, and gave me a hug and as I looked over I saw this giant man getting off the couch, I was still scared, till I saw him smile ear to ear, and with love in his eyes he open his arms and gave me and my doll a huge hug and kiss! I knew right then and there rich scared me for nothing 😞

In the years that would follow I learned that Vern was a man of very few words, a trait I wish sometimes that Richard had lol I once decided that I was going to find out everything about Vern! After prying and prying and Vern’s quick one word answers, I learned that he was indeed from Wyoming, and yes, there was a lot of farmland! Vern never enjoyed the spotlight, he never enjoyed talking about himself, but what he did enjoy was his family. He loved to listen to rich go on and on, and on and on, and on and on. Honestly if u think about it Vern is a saint! Rich never felt good about a decision until he talked it over with Vern. He would come in and tell me, “it’s going to be ok, I talked it over with Pop.” I don’t think he ever gave him some incredible wisdom, but rather he would listen to him with his whole heart, and sometimes that is exactly what we need, someone to listen.

Vern never expected anything for his birthday, the only thing he ever wanted was for his family to get together and get a steak! Vern and Joanne raised 3 wonderful kids. Each one has qualities just like their parents. Karen is an amazing mom, and a great listener. Karen ur brothers will need u and ur ear, now more then ever 💙 Vern, is an extremely hard worker, and has a gentle heart. For years I was having so many issues with my heater, Vern came down to my house one day and fixed it and showed rich what to do to help maintain it, Vern I’ll forever be grateful for ur hard work, I bragged about that each time I saw ur parents, Ur dad would perk up with pride each time. And then there is my sweetie, my knight in shining

armor, my rich! Vern, u will never understand how grateful i am that men like him still exist! He is gentle and loving. He takes everything to heart. He is responsible, and takes pride in caring for doll and I. He is one of the best fathers to our doll. And he would give his last penny to see a smile on her face! Thank u! thank u! thank u! For raising him to be such a great man!

These last couple months have been so hard on u Vern, ur last act of kindness was not leaving us at Christmas, bc that is the kind of Man U are, u worry about ur family first! Doll and I love u Vern, we will continue to pray for u and ur family and until we meet again, Rest In Peace sweet man! Love Jill and Doll



jillanne bodnar - January 10, 2018 at 01:03 PM

CA

“ *My condolences to you and your family in these hard times. I can't even begin to imagine what you are all going through. Sending love and prayers to you and the family. I am very sorry for your loss. God Bless.*



Christian Alvarez - January 10, 2018 at 12:36 PM

RT

“ Pop I want to let you know that you will always be in our hearts and prayers everyday. You were the one I always counted on that would give me the right advice when I needed it, and the one to tell me to figure it out when I needed the push. But no matter what you were always there if I needed support. I will miss sharing our special day 11/10, but now that will have more meaning than ever before. You told us that you didn't want us to fuss over you when you left this earth, but we couldn't honor those wishes I hope you understand. We will take care of mom like you would want us to so don't worry, she is in great hands.



I know you retired a Staff Sargent but I always called you "Gunny" and that was our thing. So Semper Fi Pop I love you !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Rich Townsend - January 09, 2018 at 04:44 PM

CH

“ You and your family are in my heart and mind. My condolences on the passing of your father.

- Chienell



Chienell - January 09, 2018 at 12:38 PM

RA

“ Rich & family,
I wanted to send my deepest sympathies for your family's loss. It is never an easy thing for any family to go thru or process. You and your family are in my prayers.

Rob Antonell - January 09, 2018 at 12:35 PM

AD

“ Rich,

*My condolences to you and your family. I am
sorry for your loss.*

-Anthony Daroqui



Anthony Daroqui - January 09, 2018 at 11:59 AM