



## Arthur James Yerden

August 25, 1946 - April 15, 2020

Arthur James Yerden (“Sonny”), of Cary, NC, passed away on April 15, 2020 at the age of 73. He was born in Watertown, NY, on August 25, 1946 to Arthur James Yerden Sr. and Helen Gertrude Ramsdell. He is survived by his wife, Robin Hassenmayer Yerden; daughters Rhonda Patterson of Jacksonville, FL, and Jill Yerden (Alberto Martínez Inchusta) of Barcelona, Spain; sons Aaron Patterson of Jacksonville, FL, and Craig Yerden (Jessi) of Greensboro, NC; grandchildren Jacob Patterson of Jacksonville, FL, and Sage Yerden of Greensboro, NC; sister, Elaine Bovee (Tom) of Conway, SC, and several nieces and nephews.

Art served in Viet Nam 1966-1968 as a door gunner in the 134th Assault Helicopter Company and was awarded a Purple Heart. He looked forward to the annual unit reunions over the past 15 years with his Army buddies and families. He enjoyed volunteering for many years in his community through coaching youth sports teams, leading and participating at church and homeless mission dinners. He will always be remembered in his year round apparel of shorts and a t-shirt with the sleeves cut off.

The family wishes to express appreciation to Art’s caregivers over the years at SarahCare of Lake Boone Trail (Marcia, Leigh) and at PruittHealth (Dionne, Chris, and Caroline).

A memorial service will be held in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Wake Funeral & Cremation in Cary is serving the family. Remembrances and online condolences may be made at [www.wakefuneral.com](http://www.wakefuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robin and family,  
So sorry for your loss. Sending you our thoughts and prayers at this  
time of sorrow.*  
- Tom and Chris Sandwick

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**TomnChris Sandwick** - June 19, 2020 at 01:03 PM

CB

“ *Always had a good time visiting with Art &  
Robin at the 134th AHC reunions..... He will  
be missed.. Our sympathy Robin. Corky &  
Bev.*



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**Corky & Bev** - June 13, 2020 at 10:41 PM

JS

“ *john S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of  
Arthur James Yerden.*



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**john S.** - May 05, 2020 at 07:20 PM

JS

“ I remember Art from the YMCA of Middletown NY.He was the Physical director at the YMCA.He led many fitness classes and inspired many people including me to run the Orange Classic 10K.I ran many races thanks to Art.His classes were fun thanks to Art's personality.He always made his fitness classes enjoyable.They were very popular with people of all ages.He also let me lead class when he could not be there and gave me confidence.to do so.MY condolences to Robin and his family.Art will be sorely missed.Very sorry for your loss. John Sessa and the YMCA OF MIDDLETOWN NY family

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john sessa - May 05, 2020 at 01:48 PM

DW

“ Dear Robin and family: Eva and David Weinerman your former neighbors will always remember Art for his smile and friendship. We will always remember his creations at the stove. We share your loss.

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david and eva winerman - April 28, 2020 at 11:43 AM

MJ

“ Dear Robin and Family,

We want to extend our sympathy to you during this time of loss. Seeing the pictures of so many life events that Art shared with us brought them to life. We are grateful for the time we had with Art and hope you and your family will remember the good times and the genuine smiles that were shared.

May there be peace for all.

Kind regards,

Marcia and the staff at SarahCare

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Marcia Jarrell - April 20, 2020 at 09:20 AM

FR

“ Dear Robin and Family,

*Lee and I were so sorry to hear of your loss. We have happy memories of the times in Newark Valley and hope you do, as well.*

*Fred and Lee Rogers*

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**Fred Rogers** - April 19, 2020 at 02:29 PM

DS

“ Dear Robin and Family,

*Words seem so inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Art's death.*

*We will never forget his enthusiasm every “Father's Day Soccer Tournament” weekend (even in the torrential rain) and all those fun times we had watching our kids play soccer together.*

*We have lots of wonderful memories and friendship to be thankful for. Our hearts go out to you, Craig and Jill in your time of sorrow.*

*Sending much love and lots of hugs.*

*John, Diana, JR and Dan Schnitzler*

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**Diana Schnitzler** - April 19, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MC

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We have great memories from our time in Newark Valley of Art's great cooking, Soup & Salad organization at NVUMC, coaching soccer and so much more. Your memories of happy times will carry you through the sadness. He is at peace. Love, Martin, Judy, Nichole, Kimberly & Marcia Crippen

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**Martin & Judy Crippen** - April 19, 2020 at 09:15 AM

LS

“ Robin & family,

*So sorry for your loss. Dee and I enjoyed spending time with Art that the reunions.*

*He will be missed but never forgotten May he Rest In Peace now.*

*Sending prayers*

*for you and your family.*

*Dee and Leuwanna Sessions*

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**Leuwanna Sessions** - April 18, 2020 at 06:39 PM

DA

“ Robin,

*Thank you for letting us here in Royal Ridge (Cary) know.*

*Debbie*

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**debbie anderson** - April 18, 2020 at 06:08 PM

LS

*Robin, we are so sorry to hear about Art! I will never forget how kind he was & brought us dinner! He will be missed! Praying for you all,  
Laura Staton (Vandenheuvel )*

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**Laura Staton** - April 18, 2020 at 06:11 PM

Jo Sheehan

“ Robin and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Art was one of the good guys and we know he will be missed. The photos are from the 2015 134th Reunion in Boise, ID. Much love, Jo & Dick Sheehan



Jo Sheehan - April 18, 2020 at 10:59 AM

CR

“ 3 files added to the album Art Yerden



Craig - April 17, 2020 at 08:29 PM

TB

“ 3 files added to the album Art Yerden



Terry E Branch - April 17, 2020 at 07:28 PM

TB

Our road trips we took made great memories with a great friend.

Terry E Branch - April 17, 2020 at 07:31 PM

RO

“ 17 files added to the album Art Yerden



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Robin - April 17, 2020 at 05:57 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album Art Yerden



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Robin - April 17, 2020 at 02:18 PM

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Robin - April 17, 2020 at 12:47 PM

LB

*Robin and family,*

*Lynn and I were very sorry to hear of Art's passing away. We  
always enjoyed talking to him at the reunions. He will be missed.*

*God bless you.*

*Lynn and Cathy Bates*

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**Lynn Bates** - April 18, 2020 at 08:19 PM