



CMSGT Robert H. Barkhaus, USAF (Retired)

December 15, 1944 - November 11, 2008

CMSGT Robert H. "Bob" Barkhaus, USAF (Retired), USAF, age 63, of Highland, IL., died Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at his home in Highland, IL.

He was born December 15, 1944, in Shawano, WI., the son of Louis R. and Hazel (nee Simon) Barkhaus.

On April 7, 1966, he married Sherrie A. Barkhaus, (nee Zelke) , originally of Oshkosh, WI, who survives.

He was a member of American Legion Post 292, Mascoutah;
Zion Lutheran Church-Mascoutah; Maximum Blood Donor for over 40 years.

Born at Shawano, WI, grew up at Bonduel, WI on the family dairy farm; graduated from Bonduel HS in 1962; attended the Univ. of Wisconsin @ Oshkosh until being drafted in 1965. He entered the US Air Force on January 28, 1966. he served during Vietnam and Operation Shield/Desert Storm; retiring with 30 years of service on January 31, 1996. His duty was Communications-Computer Systems Manager. CMSGT. Barkhaus entered the service at Lackland AFB- San Antonio; he did his tech school at Sheppard AFB-Wichita Falls; from June 1966-June 1970 he was stationed at Travis AFB-Calif.; Scott AFB from 6/70-10/73; Incirlik, Turkey from 10/73-12/76; Grand Forks AFB, ND from 6/76-12/81; Incirlik Turkey again from 12/81-

6/84; Scott AFB from 6/84-8/91 and Patrick AFB, Florida until retiring in 1996. Mr. & Mrs. Barkhaus moved to Highland, IL in November 2000.

He enjoyed golfing; bowling, playing cards and yard work. He helped coach his childrens sports teams as they grew up. . . . and he enjoyed an occasional beer.

Survivors include Wife-Sherrie A. Barkhaus of Highland, Ill., Son-Scott K. (Erika) Barkhaus of Mascoutah, Ill., Daughter-Staci M. (Joseph) LaPorta of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Tami L. (Lt Col Rob, USAF) Gilchrest of Layton, Utah, Mother-Hazel A. Barkhaus, of Bonduel, Wis., Brother-Richard (Lynn) Barkhaus of Bonduel, Wis., Brother-Rodney (Nancy) Barkhaus of Bonduel, Wis., Grandchildren-Tyler Barkhaus, Megan Barkhaus, Olivia LaPorta, Alexandra LaPorta, Samuel LaPorta, Isabella LaPorta, Jarrett Gilchrest, Quintin Gilchrest, Spencer Gilchrest and Jaylin Gilchrest.

He was preceeded in death by his father-Louis R. Barkhaus, Brother-Roger Barkhaus.