



## Regina P. "Reggie" Whittaker

December 11, 1944 - June 8, 2021

Regina P. "Reggie" Whittaker, age 76, died Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at her home in Highland, IL.

Regina was born on December 11, 1944, in Fresno, CA, the daughter of Richard and Lottie (nee Sowers) Karnes. The family later settled in Princeton, WV where Regina graduated from Princeton High School in 1963. In 1966, Regina graduated from Bellevue Nursing School in New York City and married Dewey Whittaker, her high school sweetheart. Dewey, an Airman in the USAF, was sent to Vietnam one month later. Throughout Dewey's 25-year military career and after, Regina worked in more than 10 hospitals as a critical care and O.R. nurse. Regina was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She loved animals and the color blue. Most of all, she loved her husband, Dewey. Together nearly 60 years, they were inseparable. Regina passed with Dewey by her side, holding her hand. Regina will be dearly missed by the many family members and friends who love her. We will never forget her.

Survivors include:

Husband - Dewey Whittaker, CMSgt. USAF (Retired), Highland, IL

Son - Brian (Jen) Whittaker, MSgt. USAF (Retired), Highland, IL

Son - Mike Whittaker, Middletown, DE

Daughter - Stacy (Yohel) Diaz, Davie, FL

Grandchildren: Kyle Whittaker of Highland, IL  
Alex Whittaker of Middletown, DE  
Zack Whittaker of Middletown, DE  
Anna Whittaker of Middletown, DE  
Gina Lough of Davie, FL  
Rianne Lough of Davie, FL  
Sister - Sarah Mills, Raleigh, NC.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

The family will host a private celebration of Regina's life at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Reggie’s passing. Such a loving family. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. 💕💕

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“ One of our best memories was in April 2012 when Dewey and Reggie came to visit Kay and I in Hawaii. We had a great time and capped off the week attending the Easter Sunrise Service on board the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor on April the 8th.

*Dewey and Family, Words of condolence cannot erase the ache of your loss, yet we hope you find some small comfort in those that come your way. Our hearts go out to you for the loss of Reggie, and we are keeping you in our thoughts.*

*Mike & Kay*

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