

Lifetime of Service

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As the lead representative for the We Honor Veterans program at Intrepid Hospice I made it my mission to honor and remember each and every veteran that has come on to our service. I feel as if we need to forever honor these men and women for their service and sacrifice.

One gentleman in particular that I would like to honor is MSG Richard C. Wiedenhoeft. MSG Wiedenhoeft enlisted in the United States Air Force under the Delayed Enlistment Program in 1966. He underwent basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in 1967 and then reported to McGuire Air Force Base shortly after for his first assignment. After a short stint at McGuire he was deployed to Vietnam for a period of a year. He served honorably during that year near DaNang and other areas as a transportation specialist.



Upon his return he was reassigned to Rhein Main Air Base in Germany and then to Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi. After those assignments he finished up his 20 years at several Bases including Scott Air Force Base, Lajes Field, Azores Portugal and Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina. While his time in service he married his wonderful wife Barbara and they had 2 children, Chuck and Karen. His wife and kids enjoyed spending numerous years traveling Europe and many other exciting new places.

In July of 2013 Richard was admitted to Intrepid Hospice with the diagnosis of Lung Cancer and stayed on service for only over a month before finally saying his goodbyes and passing peacefully. What Barbara remembers most about the Intrepid Team was the compassion and caring of everyone and how phenomenal it was. Barbara continues to volunteer with Intrepid Hospice by providing pet therapy and also helping with bereavement services. At Intrepid Hospice we would like to thank each and every veteran for their service. God Bless America!

