

Carl Jack Clayton (SPUR), died August 24, 2021



Carl Jack Clayton, 78, died August 24, 2021 following surgery for colon cancer. He was born in Tiffin, OH on September 25, 1942, and raised in Carthage, MO, leaving town for Navy boot camp at the age of 17. Preferring land to the sea, he left the Navy and joined the Army. His final tour was as an MP at Edgewood Arsenal, where he swept a young secretary off her feet and married her within three months in the Army chapel, a marriage that lasted 57 years.

A perennial student, he attended Essex Community College while working as a patrolman on the Baltimore County Police Dept, then transferring to Harford Community College, where he met his friend for life, Sal Rodano.

Seeking a different career, he then enrolled at UMBC as a creative writing major, financing his growing family by working at a multitude of low end jobs. After graduation he began his civil service career, first at the Social Security Administration and ultimately at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Still the student, all the while completing his JD at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Dedicated to those who otherwise wouldn't seek an attorney, he was recognized many years by the Harford County Bar Association for his pro bono work.

Military service was important and he retired from the Maryland Air National Guard as a MSgt. An accomplished marksman, he competed nationally in 22 caliber small bore, hi-power rifle and pistol competitions, later in life trying his hand at trap with his wife.

A life member of the Lynx Motorcycle Club, he leaves behind a multitude of friendships.

His wife, Susan Hogarth Clayton, daughter Amanda and husband Tom Nieto, and grandchildren Nate and Paige mourn his passing.

After a private interment at High View Memorial Gardens, a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.