

## Lewis Woodrow Keller, Jr.

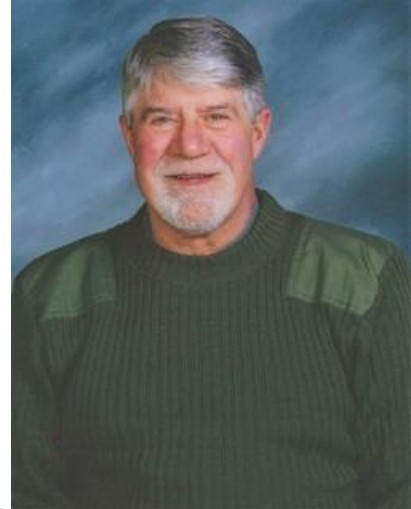
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Shortly before beginning active duty, Lewis found the love of his life, Mary Louise Zschach, at a pizza parlor. They were married the next year on April 2nd, 1968. Two years, and two kids later, Lew was deployed to Vietnam to serve as a dust-off pilot in the 101st Airborne Division. Maj. Keller served his country valiantly for 28 years and retired in 1995 under the 1st Battalion 245th Aviation Special Operations Airborne. During his service, Lewis modestly accepted the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, and many more.

After he retired from the army, Maj. Keller got a Masters Degree from OSU-Tulsa, and continued his education by pursuing teaching certificates to share his knowledge and insight with others. Lewis taught history at Claremore high school for 16 years before he retired in 2012. Lew's hobbies included golfing with friends, traveling with his wife and family, camping, playing the accordion coaching soccer, participating in church activities, was a part of the OCS 20-69 airborne reunion group, and was a part of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association of Oklahoma.

Lew is preceded in death by his parents, Lewis Keller Sr. and Alverda Keller. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Keller; his brother David Keller and sister-in-law Heidi Keller of Royersford, PA; brother Edward Keller of Philadelphia, PA; his daughter Katherine Wrobel of Oklahoma City; daughter Jennifer Kuehn and son-in-law Ted Kuehn of Oklahoma City; grandchildren Alyson and Michael Wright, Kassandra Wrobel, Jonathan Kuehn, Michael Kuehn, and Zachary Kuehn. The Memorial Service Honoring Maj. Lewis Woodrow Keller Jr. will be February 24th at 11:00am at All Souls Unitarian Church, 2952 S. Peoria Ave, Tulsa, OK 74114.



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