



Thomas Larry "Bud" Garstecki

August 19, 1947 - June 5, 2025

Thomas Larry "Bud" Garstecki, 77, of Stahlstown, passed away peacefully Thursday June 5, 2025 in the UPMC Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born August 19, 1947 in Mt. Pleasant a son of the late Thomas J. and Virginia Ash Garstecki. Bud was a graduate of the Mt. Pleasant Area High School and received a degree in HVAC from Triangle Tech. He worked at the former Volkswagen Plant in New Stanton for several years and then went on to be the Maintenance Supervisor at the Patriot Manor in Somerset. He later retired as a maintenance worker from the former SCI State Prison in Greensburg. Bud was a Veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in the DMZ during his tour of duty. He received several medals and citations including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Bud was a member of the Kregar Community Church. He loved carpentry and building various items.

Bud will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his loving family, his wife of 55 years Teresa A. Snyder Garstecki, his children Brett J. Garstecki and wife Stacey of Derry, Lori Keslar of Normalville, Lee Sleasman and wife Margie of Somerset, Lynette Metzgar and husband Buck of Rockwood, and Linda Peck of Somerset, his 11 grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. In addition to his parents Bud was predeceased by a sister Dolores Shaffer and a brother James Garstecki.

Family and friends will be received Monday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the hour of a Funeral Service, in the Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home Inc., at the corner of Route 711 and 146 Municipal Building Rd., Melcroft (724-455-2310) with his cousin, Rev. Daniel Garstecki officiating. A Committal Service and interment will follow in the Walnut Hill Cemetery, Donegal Township, with Military Rites conducted by the Donegal VFW and American Legion Honor Guard. To leave a message or send condolences please visit our website at www.brooksfhmelcroft.com

Cemetery Details

Walnut Hill Cemetery

Donegal, AK PA

Previous Events

Receiving of Family and Friends

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Committal Service

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The Committal Service will follow directly after the Funeral Service at the Walnut Hill Cemetery

Military Rites

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Larry "Bud" Garstecki.*



June 07, 2025 at 07:05 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Uncle Bud's illness and passing. I always enjoyed spending time with him as a kid.*

David Shaffer - June 06, 2025 at 08:04 PM