

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

As a Viet Nam vet, Len did not lay down his life during active duty in 67 – 68 in Viet Nam. But during his time in-country, he was exposed to conditions & chemical agents that over the years caused him to suffer debilitating health conditions. As he aged his health deteriorated even more rapidly.

When I read the above verses during my study of the Book of John last year, I immediately thought of my husband, Len.

Although he didn't lay down his life all at once, I know that over the years he did lay down his life bit by bit for the freedom of his friends, loved ones and our great country.

With each diagnosis his suffering increased until finally on Sunday, October 3 of this year, his body succumbed to a lifetime of laying down his life bit by bit.

Our country asked this of him and he was proud to serve. As he often said, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine."



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THE LIFE OF



WILLIAM LEONARD SPRINGER

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Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

William Leonard Springer, "Len", 73, of Maumelle passed from this life on October 3, 2021. He was born October 11, 1947, in Little Rock, Arkansas to the late Ether Emerson and Mildred Winnie (Farris) Springer. Mr. Springer selflessly served his county in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After leaving the military, Len received his BSN and spent the rest of his career caring for veterans at Ft. Roots Veterans Hospital. In addition to serving fellow service members in his nursing career, Mr. Springer was also a Judge Advocate for the United States Marine Corps League in Conway. He enjoyed woodworking but was always happiest spending time with his family. Mr. And Mrs. Springer were longtime members of First United Methodist Church in Maumelle. In addition to his parents, Len was preceded in death by a brother, Hearold Springer and niece, Leigh Ann Meiner.

Those left behind include his loving and devoted wife of forty-eight years, Pamela (Hatcher) Springer; siblings, Willene Davis of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Morris Springer of Tallahassee, Florida, Emerson Springer of Portland, Oregon and Rita Lee of Atlanta, Georgia. Other survivors include fourteen nieces and nephews, numerous great nieces and nephews, a host of extended family and dearly loved friends.

Memorial services will be 1:00pm, Saturday, October 16, 2021, at First United Methodist Church in Maumelle with Reverend Aubretta Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery North in Sheridan at 3:00pm. Visitation will be from noon until 1:00pm prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials in Mr. Springer's memory may be made to First United Methodist Church, Maumelle, 1201 Edgewood Drive, Maumelle, Arkansas, 72113, or the Marine Corps League of Conway at P.O. Box 244, Conway, Arkansas, 72023.