David Shew Sr.



Anchorage resident David Odell "Dave" Shew Sr., 65, died Feb. 12, 2011, in Anchorage after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Fort Richardson Chapel. After the service, Dav be interred with military honors at 2:30 p.m. at Fort Richardson National Cemetery.

A celebration of life after both services will be at the Down Under on Fort Richardson.

Born Feb. 18, 1945, in Johnson City, Tenn., Dave was one of nine children born to Ernest and Kathleen Shew. He honorably served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years. He continued working C Service for the Army after his retirement, and at the time of his cancer diagnosis was working on Richardson for the Shaw Group.

Dave had a passion for fishing, 4-wheeling, the outdoors, photography and collecting things. He loved treasure-hunting at gasales. He also loved his dogs, Taffy and Miah. He had an amazing sense of humor and never met a stranger.

Dave is survived by his wife, Cindy Shew of Anchorage; three children: daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Mike Johnson o Wasilla, daughter, Kim McFadden of Anchorage, and son, David O. Shew Jr. of Emerald Isle, N.C.; seven grandchildren, As Bilak of Jacksonville, N.C., Aimee Waldrep, Joshua Brown and Samantha McFadden of Anchorage, Alexis Shew, David O. III and Jackson Shew of Emerald Isle, N.C.; four brothers, Bobby, Lloyd, Donald and Richard Shew; two sisters, Peggy Kepl and Doris Gabert, all in Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews.

Dave was a beloved husband, father and friend. He loved his family, friends, and his country above all.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in the name of David O. Shew Sr. to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, www.pancan.org; or to donate by phone, please call: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at 877-272-6226.

Arrangements are with Cremation Society of Alaska; www.alaskacremation.com.



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