

Martin Jay Lovelady 1945 - 2017 RM2(SS) Gold 1968-1971

Martin Jay Lovelady was born in Thayer, MO in 1945 to Homer Jay Lovelady and Margaret Jane (Martin) Lovelady. He died in Loxley, AL on Sept. 29 after a long illness. He would have been 72 years old in November.

During his early life, he was very active in Boy Scouts. He not only earned his Eagle Scout badge, but was also awarded the Order of the Arrow.

He was a 1963 graduate of Parkview High School.

In 1967, he joined the U.S. Navy. After four years of service in nuclear submarines, he moved back to Springfield, and began his career with the Frisco Railroad.

Martin was a very kind, intelligent, giving man, who treated everyone he came in contact with, respectfully. He had the most wonderful sense of humor, could tell jokes like no one else, and could talk to anyone about almost anything. He was an avid reader, and loved all types of music.

He was preceded in death by his father, H. Jay Lovelady, and his sister, Mary A. Lovelady. Martin is survived by his mother, Margaret Jane and his sister Susan Lovelady of Springfield, MO, his sister, Janie Lovelady of Kansas City, MO, wife Rhonda of Loxley, AL,

daughter Mary Cris of Meredosia, IL, and son Martin "Jay" Lovelady of Huntsville, AL. Five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Please join us for a celebration of Martin's life at Susan's home, 1325 S. Fairway Ave. in Springfield on Saturday, October 14 from 4-6pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Martin's name to the <u>American Cancer</u> <u>Society</u>, or the Boy Scouts of America.

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