

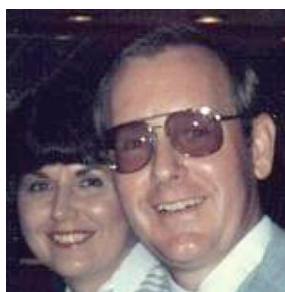
# Joseph Stephen Carroll



**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Patrol Boy**



**Katie & Steve 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion**



**40<sup>th</sup> Reunion**



**55<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

Joseph S. Carroll, age 81, of New Palestine, IN. died June, 15, 2023.

Mr. Carroll was born January 26, 1942, in Richmond, IN., the son of Joseph E. and Margaret C. (Laughner) Carroll.

He grew up in Cambridge City, IN. and was a 1960 graduate of Lincoln High School where he was a member of the varsity baseball and basketball teams. He graduated from Indiana University in 1965 with a B.S. Degree in Business. Mr. Carroll was a decorated disabled veteran of the Vietnam War who served 4 years as a commissioned officer in the United States Army and was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Carroll was the retired supervisor of the Indianapolis National Service Office of the Disabled American Veterans. He also served as the State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Indiana from 2002 to 2003. He was named a Distinguished Hoosier in 2002 and a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2003 by Governor Frank O'Bannon for his service to veterans. He was appointed to the State of Indiana's Veterans Affairs Commission by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2008 and served in that capacity until 2013. Mr. Carroll also served as the Hancock County Veterans Service Officer from January 1, 2004, until his retirement on December 31, 2012. He was named the County Service Officer of the Year in 2008 for the State of Indiana.

Mr. Carroll was a life member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 52 in Indianapolis, and a member of American Legion Post 119 in Greenfield. He was a lifelong sports fan who never gave up on his beloved Indiana Hoosiers. He was a friend to anyone who had worn the uniform and had served their country. His favorite past time was to drive his corvette.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Katherine L. (Soult) Carroll, son Stephen M. Carroll, daughter – in- law Tracey L. (Walters) Carroll, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren with the 6th great grandchild due in January of 2024.

Mr. Carroll was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Barbara S. (Carroll) Williams.

Memorial Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to the Disabled American Veterans National Service Foundation.

Services will be held at the Flanner Buchanan Memorial Park Cemetery and Funeral Center, (9350 E. Washington St, Indianapolis, IN).

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 from 4pm to 8pm.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 12 noon with additional visitation from 11am to 12 noon.

The burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.





Katie and Joe (Steve) Carroll



All Gave Some, Some Gave All



## Comments from Classmates and Friends

He is definitely in our prayers. The hardest part of growing old is aging goodbye to friends.

I am holding Steve close to my heart and asking that his transition be as peaceful and pain free as possible. I have asked my pastor to include him in Prayers of the People. We will be lifting Steve and the family up in prayer Sunday.

Praying for him, his family and friends.

We are so sorry.....I know this is just a difficult time for Katie and their family.

I counted Steve among my friends, appreciated his knowledge of history, especially of our class and of Cambridge City.

This is sad news. Steve was always so kind to us. He certainly was such a "Special Man"!

We lost a good man! One of the nicest guys and best men I've ever known. We were blessed by his friendship!

Prayers for his family.

I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I will keep the family in my prayers.

What a great man, I wish we had a chance to say goodbye!

You are all in my prayers. Joe was a great man who was so very instrumental in my life. He will be missed but never forgotten.

We are so proud of how you cared for Joe through all his trials and tribulations. Joe and Dave became fast friends the moment they meet in Korea. David was so honored to have Joe as a close friend for all these years. Joe did the honorable deed when he returned from Korea and paid a call on Dave's parents to report he was well. We all shared a deep love and respect for our country then and now. It was such a stroke of luck to go half way around the world and meet a man who shared so many common interest with Dave and shared the same mid-Western values of love of country, honesty, cars, and IU-Purdue football.

We shall cherish our memories of times shared forever. You will always be in our prayers, Lyn and Dave

I know you will miss Joe terribly. This was given to me when Mike died and I hope you don't mind me sharing it with you. I read it frequently as it is on my refrigerator.

You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived. You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want. Smile, open your heart, love and go on.