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Erika Glasbrook Dietrich

Aug. 15, 1958 - March 17, 2024

Erika Glasbrook Dietrich, 65, a beloved mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2024. Born on August 15, 1958, she was the daughter of the late Harold "Nink" Glasbrook and Norma Jean Passmore Glasbrook.

After graduating from East Burke High School in 1976, Erika served her country with pride as a member of the United States Air Force from 1980-1984, stationed at RAF Lakenheath embodying strength and dedication throughout her service. Following her military career, she pursued a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering at Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute and studied Radiology Equipment Engineering at RSTI. Erika found joy in various passions, including playing the piano and finding solace and expression through music. Her adventurous spirit led her to travel, creating lasting memories and friendships along the way.

Erika will leave behind a legacy of strength, vibrant spirit, and welcoming nature. She never knew a stranger, always embracing others with open arms and a warm heart. Erika's life will be remembered with warmth, laughter, and cherished memories. Rest in peace, dear Erika. Your light will forever shine in our hearts.

Erika leaves behind a cherished family including her children, Joshua Hirt of Longview, NC, Jessica Hirt of Connelly Springs, NC, David Manley and wife Summer

Manley of Hudson, NC, along with her beloved granddaughters, Willow Crosby (Jessica Hirt) and River Manley (David and Summer Manley), whom she adored.

A memorial service to honor Erika's life will be held at 2pm, Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the US Air Force and Caldwell County Veteran Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in Erika's name.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Erika rode with us to the VA on many occasions. She was a special lady who got the front seat. she will be missed. She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #43. I will miss her stories about her younger days in the military. Rest in peace little lady. Fly High!

–David L Tubergen



You will be missed,may you rest in peace

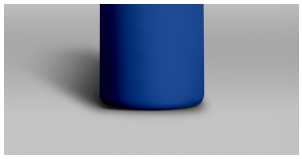
–Jennie Vigil

Erika was a dear friend,like a sister to me . She was kind and compassionate. Erika had the most outrageous sense of humor,I loved her laughter and will miss her ,she moved from Sheridan where we became friends back to North Carolina in 2003,but we always kept in touch,I came to Drexel to visit once and she came back to Sheridan in 2017.

–Jennie Vigil



Thank you, Erika, for your service.



—kathern bowen



—Anonymous

I'm sorry for your loss. Erika visited the church I attend for a while with Willow. She was a great lady, I enjoyed our conversations. Your family will be in my prayers. Jackie Huffman

—Jackie Huffman



Love you mama

—Joshua