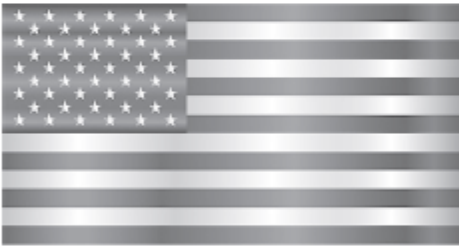


***Jerry Arlen Spracklen***  
***August 3, 1946 — November 23, 2024***



Jerry Arlen Spracklen, 78, of Newcastle, passed away November 23, 2024, after a brief illness in Sheridan. He was born on August 3, 1946, in Douglas.

Jerry graduated from Newcastle High School in 1964. After graduation, he enlisted in the National Guard and later the Navy and served honorably for twenty-two years. Throughout his military career he was stationed in Okinawa, Diego Garcia, Spain, California, Italy, Portugal, and Washington, D.C. After retiring from the Navy in 1986, he went to work as a government contractor and was based out of Salt Lake City, Utah. He retired in 2000 and moved back to Newcastle where he traveled throughout much of northeast Wyoming. In 2022, he moved to Sheridan and lived there until his death.

Jerry is preceded in death by fathers Quentin Spracklen and Edgar Ayres; mother, Olive Ayres; and brothers, Wayne Spracklen and Jim Ayres.

He is survived by three daughters, Tara Hollenbeck of Salt Lake City, Utah, Christina Holliday of Union, Missouri, and Tomi (Brian) Yeager of Newcastle; sisters, Holly (Chuck) Clements of Boise, Idaho, Ann (Inocencio) Ramos of Douglas; brothers Timothy (Brenda) Ayres, of Newcastle, Bret Spracklen of Sutherland, Nebraska, and Bart Spracklen of Cheyenne; as well as seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial services were held on December 11, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota. The service was livestreamed on [www.meridianmortuary.com](http://www.meridianmortuary.com).