



John T. "Elf" Cheeley
SGM, USA



(At the time SFC) John T. Cheeley was assigned to AFVN as the NCOIC of Detachment 3, Pleiku in 1969-1970.

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June 2, 1939 - November 16, 2014

John T. "Elf" Cheeley

Of Franklin, Indiana passed away November 16, 2014.

John was born to the late Henry G. and Helen Landwehr Cheeley June 2, 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri. After high school, John joined the US Army and retired after a distinguished career of 25 years as a Sergeant Major.

He was an active member in the Boy Scouts of America, since 1947, and was awarded Scouting's distinguished honor of Silver Beaver in 1995. He was a member of the Firecrafter organization, where he was awarded its highest rank, Minisino. His memberships included Sojourner Masonic Lodge #768 F. & A. M.; a Knight Templar in York Rite; Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite; and Murat Shrine.

Survivors include wife, Susan Cheeley; children, Chris J. Karnes, Keith J. Karnes, Steve (Jennifer) K. Karnes; brother, James Cheeley; 3 grandchildren, Alex, Allison, Abigail Karnes; great grandson, Sawyer Karnes and a niece and 2 nephews.

Calling will be Wednesday, November 19, 2014, from 4-8PM, at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 West Main Street. Chaplain Charles Stanley will officiate a funeral 1 PM, Thursday, November 20 at the Indiana Masonic Home, Ransford Chapel, 690 State Street Franklin, IN 46131 with calling 1 hour prior. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery.

