









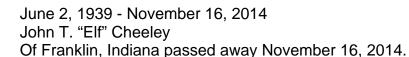


John T. "Elf" Cheeley SGM, USA

(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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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 Templer 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.

