



Barry Lee Brehm, ETR-2, USN Engineer, Saigon (70-71)

DECATUR -- Barry Brehm of Champaign, IL passed away peacefully with his sisters at his side on May 31, 2017, just short of his 70th birthday. Barry Lee Brehm was born July 2, 1947, the son of Billy Ayres and Edna Louise Kellogg Brehm. Barry was born and raised in Decatur, Illinois.


Surviving are his two loving sisters Dana K. Brehm (Larry Baumann) of St. Louis, MO and Debra L Craycroft (Stephen) of Decatur, IL.; sister-in-law Cindi Brehm of Decatur, IL; two nieces, Kelly Wagoner (Jeff), great niece, Jayci, and Jennifer Skelley (Joe), great niece, Maddie, and great nephew, Tyler.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved brother, Billy J Brehm, of Decatur, IL.

Barry graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1965. He earned his bachelor's degree in Accountancy from the University of Illinois in 1976 after serving in the US Navy from 1966 to 1972 during the Vietnam War. He served one year in Saigon, Vietnam at the American Forces Vietnam Network and at naval stations on both coasts in the USA.

Barry was a CPA and joined Arthur Andersen in Chicago after graduating. He spent a short time as a restaurant entrepreneur before joining a local CPA firm in Champaign-Urbana. He then joined Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL, where he was highly regarded as Director of Operations Review for 27 years, retiring July 17, 2009.





Barry was a lifelong supporter of the University of Illinois and its athletic programs in football and basketball. He was a highly regarded local outdoor photographer with a few hundred of his color landscapes gracing the offices, hallways and conference rooms throughout Carle Clinic and Carle Foundation Hospital. He loved taking photos of the University of Illinois campus and of Allerton Park and has created an archival collection of both locations over many years and seasons. He also loved visiting and photographing many of the US National Parks.

He was an active member and past president of the Champaign County Camera Club, winning top awards in the Central Illinois Camera Clubs Association competitions. An avid golfer, he enjoyed nothing more than an afternoon spent on the links with his good friends. He was recently awarded and thanked for 27 years of service as President and Treasurer of the Tahoe Condominium Association Board.

In addition to loving nature, he was a lover of numbers, science, and intellectual challenges. We will miss his dry sense of humor, positive attitude and passion for capturing the beauty of nature with his photography.

The following was also received from Joe Green, MACOI:

My tour of duty at AFVN-Saigon ran from January 1970 to January 1971, and as an electronic technician my job was to maintain the electronic equipment at the station. However, the reason I, a radar ET, was assigned to maintain communication equipment is a mystery, but I was glad I was

