

Sluppick, George Thomas Scott
Dates in the 57th – 1967 - 1968
SP5 – Crew Chief
Birth Date: June 7th 1946
Waukegan, IL
Died After Tour Date: August 26th 2016
Natchitoches, LA



From: []

Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 7:35 PM

To:

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Subject: George Sluppick's Passing (this afternoon) Gladiator, Kontum, 1967 - 1968

Darrell:

Judy Sluppick called a few minutes ago to tell us that George passed away peacefully late this afternoon (about 5:20 PM). Thought that you would want to send this notification out to our Gladiator Association members. George's death had been expected for a few days so the family is handling the situations as well.

Funeral arrangements are not yet firm due to required coordination with several out of town family members. She will let me know as soon as she knows the date and time - service will most likely be Monday or Tuesday.

Judy said that George had requested a Christian Bikers Funeral at a local church. Visitation will occur 5 - 9PM the evening before at the funeral home. She will provide the name and location when she provides the funeral date.

The address for correspondence is 1048 Williams Avenue, Natchitoches, LA 71456. If anyone wishes to speak to Judy or to George's son, George, Jr., the home phone number is 318-352-5567.

George asked me earlier this year to attend and speak at his funeral, and I committed to do so. Natchitoches is hard to get to by air so I plan to drive there - about a 10 hour trip from Clarksville, TN. Know Judy and the family would appreciate as many Gladiators and Professionals attending the funeral activities as possible.

More info to follow when available.

Regards,

Hugh

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George Thomas Scott Sluppick

BIRTH	7 Jun 1946 Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, USA
DEATH	26 Aug 2016 (aged 70) Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, USA
BURIAL	<u>Memory Lawn Cemetery</u> Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, USA
MEMORIAL ID	169025003 · <u>View Source</u>

George Thomas Scott Sluppick of Natchitoches, Louisiana (also known as “Big George”) a Viet Nam War veteran, died of lung disease on August 26, 2016. He was 70 years old.

Born in Waukegan, Illinois in 1946, the oldest of six children, his parents George Sr. & Florence Sluppick raised him as a farmhand for several years before relocating the family to Memphis, Tennessee. Dropping out of high school, he enlisted into the U.S. Army in March of 1964, just a few months before his 18th birthday. His first assignment was in Korea, where he stayed for ten months before being reassigned to Viet Nam. In 1965 he served with the 57th Assault Helicopter Company, known as the Gladiators under the command of Gen. Hugh Smith as a Huey helicopter crew chief & gunner and later as a truck master on convoys. He survived the Tet Offensive of 1968 but was unfortunately exposed to Agent Orange, which later led to his lung disease.



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