



Dieter S. Domski

October 9, 1938 - October 5, 2018

Our world has lost a soldier as SGM (Ret.) Dieter S. Domski, aged 79, found peace with the Lord on 5 October 2018.

Dieter was born in Fuerth, Germany on 9 October 1938 and lived there until November 1958, when he left for the United States. Sponsored by his sister and brother-in-law, Erika and Gerald Pinault, Dieter first settled in Ft. Benning, Georgia. Three years later, in 1961, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and completed his basic training at Ft. Jaffey, Arkansas. He went on to serve two tours in Vietnam, first from 1968 to 1969 and then from 1970 to 1971. During his first tour, Dieter earned the Bronze Star. He earned four additional commendation medals while in the Army.

After leaving Vietnam in 1971, Dieter was at times stationed in Nuernberg, Germany and Fort Drum, NY, but he spent most of his Army career at Ft. Dix, NJ, where he was stationed from 1965 to 1967, from 1972 to 1974, and then again from 1977 to 1984. It was at Ft. Dix, in 1984, that Dieter was promoted to Sargent Major (E-9).

After his 24 years of service to the U.S. Army, Dieter worked for 20 years as the Food Service Supervisor for the Woodbridge Developmental Center in Woodbridge, NJ. He was hired in March 1986 and worked his last day for the State of New Jersey on 27 December 2006.

During his second tour in Vietnam, Dieter regularly delivered leftover food from his mess hall to the orphanage in Tam Ky. It was there, in February 1971, that he met Thuan Ly Pham. Less than a year later, on 8 January 1972, Dieter and Thuan were married in Brockton, Massachusetts. They welcomed their first daughter, Ann, in 1973, and their second daughter, Mary, was born in 1975.

Dieter and Thuan have called Browns Mills, NJ their home for over 40 years of their 46-year marriage, and they have been active members of the Ft. Dix Main Post Chapel since 1977. At the Chapel, Dieter regularly served as an usher, and regularly coordinated (and was sometimes the head cook for) Protestant Congregation luncheons, potluck dinners, barbeques, Easter Sunrise Services, and many other events. For several years, he was also the Vice President of the Protestant Congregation.

Dieter lived a full and storied life, and he lived every moment of it with heart. He had a laugh that was unmistakable and a love of soccer that was unending. He also lived as a soldier – with a dedication to service that never wavered and with a fierce commitment to getting done any job he had to do. But of all of the jobs he had, and of all of the titles he held, he was most proud of being Honey to Thuan, Dad to Ann and Mary, and Opa to his grandson, Jackson. They miss him dearly, and know that many others will as well.

Before his passing, Dieter had mourned the loss of his beloved parents and sister – Paul Severin Domski (1912-1943), Christiana (Mertel) Domski (1900-1999), and Erika L. Pinault (1932-1994) –, his brother-in-law Gerald Pinault (1932-2013), and his uncle Alfred Wenzel.

Now left to remember Dieter are: Thuan, Ann, Mary, and Jackson; his life-long friend Heinz Wiesner of Fuerth, Germany; his son-in-law John Black; his niece

Helga (and John) Allen of Taunton, MA; his brother-in-law An (and Ha) Pham of Atlanta, GA; his nephew and niece, Binh and Thailan (and Victor) Pham; his nephews in Philadelphia, Phuoc (and Ha) Pham and Toan (and Uyen) Pham; his nephew Tien (and Tao) Pham of Toronto; and his cherished friends the Dang family in Akron, OH. Dieter also leaves behind several extended family members in Vietnam, as well as many friends from Browns Mills, the Ft. Dix Chapel, and around the country.

Dieter's family is thankful for the outpouring of love and support from family and friends. They are mourning a great loss, but they take solace in knowing that their grief cannot outlast the many gifts that Dieter has given. The Lord assures us that comfort will come, at the proper time, at the proper place, when we are able to turn away from our sorrow and "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Corinthians 4:18).

Relatives and friends may attend his viewing on Tuesday, October 9 from 5-7 PM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. and Wednesday, October 10 from 10-11 AM at the Dix Chapel, 5240 New Jersey Ave., Fort Dix, NJ. Funeral services will be at 11 AM at the Dix Chapel. Interment will be held at 12:30 PM at Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in Dieter's memory to Vietnam Veterans of America (<https://vva.org>).

Cemetery Details

BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Rd.,
Wrightstown, NJ

Previous Events

Open Casket Viewing

OCT **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Open Casket Viewing

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dix Chapel
5240 New Jersey Ave.
Fort Dix, NJ 08640

Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dix Chapel
5240 New Jersey Ave.
Fort Dix, NJ 08640

Tribute Wall



“ *Dieter S. Domski*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Dieter S. Domski*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Domski Family. What a great guy that taught me so much about everything as a young LT in the Army stationed in his hometown of Fuerth while assigned to the 501st Supply and Transportation Bn. He always but always took care of all his soldiers by providing them only the best meals. He took especial care of them when we came out of the field with hot coffee, hot chocolate and soup. I had hoped to renew our friendship again, but to my surprise and sadness I find his obituary. Dieter and his bride, Thuan, had my wife and I over to their quarters, it is now some 45+years later and I still remember it as if it was yesterday, an absolutely great family.*

The Domski Family will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

*The Steinhebel's
Terry, Linda, Lara, Kelly, Kate and Tricia*

Terry Steinhebel - November 20, 2018 at 06:48 PM

JS

“ We will miss our old Mess Sergeant, The veterans of B company 20th Engineer battalion Pleiku, Vietnam Rest In Peace Our Old Friend

john sawyer - October 25, 2018 at 12:40 AM

CF

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Domski family. Ret Sgt Major Domski was my supervisor at the Food Service Cook School at Fort Dix NJ. When I retired from the Army, he assisted me in getting a job with him at the Woodbridge Developmental Center. We worked in Woodbridge together for a few years. He was a great soldier, supervisor and friend. Again my condolences to his wife and daughters, Ret SFC Finch



Charles Finch - October 12, 2018 at 03:21 PM

HI

“ Dieter my dear friend may you rest in peace in the house of our Lord You and Thuan have become more than friends to me you became extended family thru all the times we spend together traveling and spending time together you became more of a brother to me what memories I have and cherish it is time now for you to rest and slow down as Thuan has told you often you would reply yes honey and keep right on going well now is the time to rest me and my family will miss you but you will always be in my heart as my big brother Rest in peace

Love Hilda and family

hildallear - October 09, 2018 at 08:00 AM

WM

“ Our very deepest sympathies to Thuan and the whole Domski family. We were so blessed to have known Dieter; such a wonderful man. We pray that all of your beautiful memories will help ease you through difficult times. God's blessings on all of you.
Janet & Bill Marietti

William & Janet Marietti - October 09, 2018 at 07:33 AM

VN

Thành kính phân ưu cùng chị Thuận và gia đình về sự mất mát người chồng, người cha trong gia đình. Nguyên Chúa bảo vệ những giá trị đang còn và ban sự bình an trong những lúc gian khổ.
Mục sư Nguyễn Vũ
678-559-5750

Vu Nguyen - October 14, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.



October 08, 2018 at 03:40 PM

LD

“ Thuan and Family So sorry to hear about your loss. Dieter was a kind and thoughtful person. I remember how every Sunday he would mention my husband's name up in prayer while Bob was sick. Sending you our deepest sympathy and love. Heaven is rejoicing because one more Son has come home. God Bless and comfort you all
loving
Linda Davis and daughters

Linda Davis - October 08, 2018 at 02:43 PM

DW

“ On behalf of Dorothy Kay and Veronica Wyatt we send our deepest condolences. Peter will truly be missed but what keeps our hearts so content and peaceful is that we know he is with the Lord he was a servant of God a servant to his family and to the military. He will truly be missed. The Protestant Chapel service will miss him deeply but he will always be there with us.



Dorothy Kay / Veronica Wyatt - October 08, 2018 at 11:35 AM

DW

**Dieter*

Dorothy Kay / Veronica Wyatt - October 08, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.



October 08, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.



October 07, 2018 at 08:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.



October 07, 2018 at 06:07 PM



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David Tellers - October 07, 2018 at 03:26 PM



Great picture! Thanks for sharing ❤️

Ann Domski - October 08, 2018 at 07:26 AM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Ann Domski - October 07, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Ann Domski - October 07, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.



October 07, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.



October 07, 2018 at 10:25 AM

NS

“ Dear Thاون and family, please accept my deepest condolences. Dieter was truly a soldier for God and an example of hard work and dedication. He was a very special man and will be truly missed. Thinking of you all at this very difficult time. From Renee and Kalanii Savage.



Natalie Savage - October 07, 2018 at 09:34 AM

GW

“ We had the distinct pleasure of knowing, socializing, and working with Dieter; moreover, we regarded him as a true friend, devout christian, and devoted family man. We were blessed, and we valued his friendship and support. We will cherish the pleasant memories of our times together. We will miss him dearly, and our deepest sympathy is extended to the family. George, Mamie, Chad, and Monica Waters

George, Mamie, Chad and Monica Waters - October 06, 2018 at 09:09 PM

DT

“ Our deepest condolences to Thuan and the entire Donski family. Words cannot express how saddened we are to hear of Dieter's passing. Dieter was a kind and loving servant of God. We are thankful to have known him. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love and prayers surrounding you.

Dave and Debby Tellers

David Tellers - October 06, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.*



October 06, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ *Rev. Thien Phan and family, Warner Robins, GA purchased the Divine Light for the family of Dieter S. Domski.*



Rev. Thien Phan and family, Warner Robins, GA - October 06, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ *Pastor Cang N. Dang & Family, Akron, Ohio purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dieter S. Domski.*



Pastor Cang N. Dang & Family, Akron, Ohio - October 06, 2018 at 04:56 PM

AB

“ Dear Thuan and Family,

Please accept our most heartfelt prayers and sympathy during this time. Dieter was truly a SPECIAL man whose life and Christian commitment touched all who were fortunate enough to have met him. He lived a selfless life filled with goodness and kindness toward others. When there was a genuine need, Deiter was there. His life centered around his family and the good folks at the Ft. Dix Chapel. Oh, how they loved him and there was nothing he would not do for them. He will be GREATLY MISSED. As for you, Thuan and Family, live in peace and know you did your BEST for him, You blessed him with the GREATEST GIFT of all.....LOVE. Take heart, try to be strong and keep the Faith. And above all, live with the peace and assurance that you will be reunited in heaven. May God bless you all,

Love always,

Archie and Mary Ellen Barringer

Archie and Mary Ellen Barringer - October 06, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.



October 06, 2018 at 01:24 PM

GF

“ *Lita and I are thankful to have know Dieter. He was a servant of both God and country. We send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Rev Thaun Domski, and the entire Domski family. We take comfort in knowing Dieter now rests in the arms on the Lord and we will see him again one day.*

Glenn Futrell - October 06, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dieter S. Domski.*



October 05, 2018 at 10:11 PM

FS

“ *To Pastor Thuan Domski and Family. My deepest sympathy to your lost. It hurts to lose a special man, a father a very good servant of God and servant of a lot of people, God opened his arms to received his son...God said to Chief Retired Dieter, welcome home...heaven was waiting for him..no more sorrow, no more pain...that was God promise to anyone who believe in him to Jesus Christ shall not perished but have everlasting life. GOD BLESS!!! Fely Shuler and family..*

Fely Shuler - October 05, 2018 at 09:26 PM

RM

“ On behalf of the Barb, Heather, Heidi, Holly & Chris, I salute the service and legacy of SGM Domski! We were blessed to know Dieter through the Fort Dix Chapel program where he was tireless in his support to the Chapel ministry and encouragement of others.

Dieter taught us all to live well, laugh much, love often through an indescribable joy in Christ. We are grateful for his testimony!

We extend our sincerest prayers for Thuan and the family. May God continue to comfort them in this time of grieving. Isaiah 41:10

Rick Martin, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret)

Rick Martin - October 05, 2018 at 04:41 PM