

Memorial for CW4 (Ret) Roy Sudeck

When we look at the Family of Roy Sudeck, we can see that he was valiant, and he came from a Family of Men in which each generation served with honor and distinction in time of War. The definition of Valor is courage in the face of danger, especially in battle. He had all the traits of military leadership, fortified by genuine trust in God, intense love of country, and high faith In the American soldier.

A good soldier is not made merely by making him think and work. There is something in every soldier that goes deeper than thinking or working--it's his "guts." It is something that he has built in there: it is a world of truth and power that is higher than himself. Great living is not all output of thought and work. A man has to have intake as well. I don't know about you it, but I call it Religion, Prayer, or God.

CW4 Roy Sudeck served 41 years with honor, duty, integrity, self less service, courage, spanning from 1966 to 2007. It is not every Man that has the privilege of serving for elite units such as the AH1 Cobra, UH1B Huey and OH6 Loach Pilot. We are here today to honor him and pay tribute to him and his memory.

Many people know what the words Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage mean. But how often do you see someone actually live up to them?

There were the bad times and the good times, being drafted and serving not one but two tours in Vietnam. Many today might just say that he was just a Soldier? I would challenge that for Soldiers are Ambassadors for their Nation and stop and think all the people that he rubbed shoulders with.

Loyalty

He Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, his unit and other Soldiers. Bearing true faith and allegiance is a matter of believing in and devoting yourself to something or someone. A loyal Soldier is one who supports the leadership and stands up for fellow Soldiers. By wearing the uniform of the U.S. Army you are expressing your loyalty. And by doing your share, you show your loyalty to your unit.

Duty

From Vietnam, Bosnia, Iraq and Kuwait he went from Warrior, to Mentor pouring his self into the next generation and becoming a National Character Ambassador for our great Nation and impacting generations and generations to come by becoming a people builder.

Fulfill your obligations. Doing your duty means more than carrying out your assigned tasks. Duty means being able to accomplish tasks as part of a team. The work of the U.S. Army is a complex combination of missions, tasks and responsibilities — all in constant motion. Our work entails building one assignment onto another. You fulfill your obligations as a part of your unit every time you resist the temptation to take “shortcuts” that might undermine the integrity of the final product.

Respect

Treat people as they should be treated. In the Soldier's Code, we pledge to "treat others with dignity and respect while expecting others to do the same." Respect is what allows us to appreciate the best in other people. Respect is trusting that all people have done their jobs and fulfilled their duty. And self-respect is a vital ingredient with the Army value of respect, which results from knowing you have put forth your best effort. The Army is one team and each of us has something to contribute.

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Honor

The memories that you have of this Elite Soldier that demonstrated through his life. That he Lived up to Army values. The nation's highest military award is [The Medal of Honor](#). This award goes to Soldiers who make honor a matter of daily living — Soldiers who develop the habit of being honorable, and solidify that habit with every value choice they make. Honor is a matter of carrying out, acting, and living the values of respect, duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity and personal courage in everything you do.

Selfless Service

CW4 Sudek Put the welfare of the nation, the Army and his subordinates before his own. Selfless service is larger than just one person. In serving your country, you are doing your duty loyally without thought of recognition or gain. The basic building block of selfless service is the commitment of each team member to go a little further, endure a little longer, and look a little closer to see how he or she can add to the effort.

Integrity

Do what's right, legally and morally. Integrity is a quality you develop by adhering to moral principles. It requires that you do and say nothing that deceives others. As your integrity grows, so does the trust others place in you. The more choices you make based on integrity, the more this highly prized value will affect your relationships with family and friends, and, finally, the fundamental acceptance of yourself.

Personal Courage

Face fear, danger or adversity (physical or moral). Personal courage has long been associated with our Army. With physical courage, it is a matter of enduring physical duress and at times risking personal safety. Facing moral fear or adversity may be a long, slow process of continuing forward on the right path, especially if taking those actions is not popular with others. You can build your personal courage by daily standing up for and acting upon the things that you know are honorable.

There is not greater Honor in this life than to serve God and Country, and just like General Patton, and David from the Bible many were called but few were chosen. Few were chosen to face death and perilous dangers and as we reflect on the life of CW4 Roy Sudek we all shall conclude that he served in the highest regards.

When this life I'm in is done,
And at the gates I stand,
My hope is that I answer all
His questions on command.

And when the goals are reached at last,
When all the flyings done,
I'll answer Him with no regret-
Indeed, I had some fun.

So when these things are asked of me,
And I can reach no higher,
My prayer this day - His hand extends
To welcome home a Flyer.

Obituary for CW4 (Ret) Roy Sudeck

Roy Sudeck, CW4 (Ret), 65, of Marietta, GA, died November 16, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m, Wednesday, November 21, at Mayes Ward Dobbins Chapel, Marietta, GA. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.



Chief Warrant Officer Sudeck's 41-year Army Aviation career spanned from 1966 to 2007. He served two tours (32 months) in Vietnam as a AH1Cobra, UH1B Huey and OH6 Loach Pilot. Highly decorated with a Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (3rd OLC), Bronze Star (2nd OLC), Air Medal (V Devise and 67th Award), and numerous other medals, citations and commendations from the United States and Vietnamese Military. Roy transitioned from helicopters to fixed wing and later served in Bosnia, Iraq and Kuwait.

Mr. Sudeck is survived by his wife, Gayle C. Sudeck, Marietta, GA; one son, Troy A. Sudeck, Hamilton Township, NJ; two brothers, Palmer Sudeck & wife, Jane Marie, Medford, NJ, and Glenn Sudeck & wife, Maria, Glassboro, NJ; stepson, Christopher K. Long & wife, Karen, Charleston, SC; two stepdaughters, Kathryn A. Long, Spartanburg, SC, and Megan G. Remley & husband, Max, Denver, CO; two grandsons, Ethan Long & Brady Long, Charleston, SC; father, Elroy Sudeck, Cherry Hill, NJ; and several nephews. Mr. Sudeck was predeceased by his mother, Alice Hartwick Sudeck.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Sudeck may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or online at

<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>, or Caring Bridge, Donation Processing Center, P.O. Box 6032, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6632 or online at <http://www.caringbridge.org/waystogive>

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory, Marietta, GA, is in charge of arrangements. <http://www.mayeswarddobbins.com>