

Howard L Rieter, Sr.

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Littleton - Howard L Rieter, Sr., 74, of Jennifer Street, Littleton died at his residence on July 15, 2009. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on February 9, 1935 son of the late John and Birdella (Abbott) Rieter. He grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and attended the Cleveland School System. Howard joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and served in Okinawa, Japan. He later attended Wentworth Institute and received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Bradford Durfee Technical Institute. He worked as a mechanical engineer in several parts of the country and was involved with many aerospace projects including the Apollo program and Skylab.

Mr. Rieter made his home in Littleton for over 40 years where he was communicant of St. Anne's Church. Howard and his wife enjoyed hosting Bible Study at their home for many years. He was a member and Past Commander of Littleton VFW Post #6556 and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He also loved to cross stitch and made several samplers for his family. He was a volunteer for many years at the Reuben Hoar Library. He loved watching movies, and could make or fix almost anything. He was an avid coin collector, creating special collections for his grandchildren.

Mr. Rieter is survived by his beloved wife, Elaine (Chartier) Rieter, of Littleton, a son Howard Rieter Jr., and his wife, Lori, and their children, Carly and Ella, of Maynard, 4 daughters; Karen Rieter- Barrett, her husband, Dan, and their children, Nathaniel, Rebekah, Aaron, Ann Marie and Karina, of Tucson, AZ; Sue Rieter, her husband, Mike Shea, and their children Beryl and Erick of Chester, NH; Lisa Rieter and her children, Mark and Julia, of Litchfield, NH; Wendy Gomez, her children Isaiah, Samuel and Elijah of Acton and great granddaughter, Abigail MacWilliam, of Redmond, Washington. He was the brother of the late John Rieter Jr.; he is survived by John's wife Kathleen of Parma OH, brothers James Rieter and his wife, Kathryn, of Cleveland, Ohio; Thomas Rieter and his wife, Melanie, of Avon Lake, Ohio; and two sisters, Birdella Gaba and her husband, Rudy, of Olmstead Falls, Ohio; and Linda Arida and her husband, Paul, of Parma, Ohio.

The family is thankful for all the excellent care Mr. Rieter received over the years from the Veteran's Administration, and to the hospice team from VNA Care & Hospice,

Southborough, and Griswold Special Care, Everett, who helped care for him in his final months.

Funeral from the Badger Funeral Home 347 King St, Littleton on Monday at 9:30 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Ann's Church Littleton at 10:30 a.m. Visiting Hours Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.. Burial at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton. Please see www.badgerfuneral.com