



## Waldemar "Butch" Clodfelter

July 9, 1943 - March 10, 2017

Waldemar Bertrandt (Butch) Clodfelter

July 9, 1943-March 10, 2017

Butch passed away unexpectedly at home on March 10, 2017

Butch was born July 9, 1943 in Blue Island Illinois to Waldemar J. Clodfelter and Yarmille (Macha) Clodfelter.

He was baptized into God's house, along with his half-sister Nancy (Shambo) Salisbury, on September 14, 1944. He attended elementary school, through the 8th grade, in a one-room schoolhouse outside of Neillsville, WI, and began his High School years at Neillsville High. In 1959 he chose to go to the Wisconsin Academy, a Seventh Day Adventist school located near Columbus, WI. In 1960 he was baptized into the Seventh Day Adventist church and remained a faithful churchgoer until his death.

He graduated from the Wisconsin Academy in 1961 and proceeded to attend Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI. in 1961 and 1962. He then worked for a sash and door company until he was drafted into the US Army on January 5, 1965, where he served as a Medical Technician. He volunteered and was accepted into Operation Whitecoat, a program made up of Seventh Day Adventist members of the military who were willing to undergo testing for various diseases. He received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition in 1998 saying in part "...You are commended for your Christian example of unselfish humanitarian service." It also stated that "Because of your unstinting service, untold lives have been saved around the globe." Following his

discharge from military service, he drifted among several jobs until he felt a call to the ministry and in 1970 went to Union College in Lincoln, NE, where he completed his degree in Theology.

Butch worked in numerous different occupations throughout the years including as a medical technician, mechanic, delivery service, over the road truck driver and construction. He volunteered a great deal of his time with several Seventh Day Adventist churches and the Columbus Computer Society. He injured his back while working construction and had to deal with pain every day the rest of his life. As the pain made him less and less mobile he became very involved in the Computer Society because he could do much of it at home when the pain allowed him. The constant pain and inability to get adequate help wore on him greatly but he retained his faith, attending church services as often as the pain would allow.

Butch never married. He is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

He is survived by one brother-Howard Clodfelter of Great Falls, MT, two half sisters-Nancy (Shambo) Salisbury of Dennison, IL,- Carol Mashin of Neillsville, WI, and a half-brother-Ralph Clodfelter of Scottsdale, AZ.

A memorial service will be held on September 13 at 11 AM at the Eastwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6400 South Sunbury Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081 with a luncheon to follow. Memorials may be sent to the Adventist Community Service Center, 701 Linnville RD, Heath, OH 43056.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Eastwood Seventh Day Adventist Church  
6400 South Sunbury Road  
Westerville, OH 43081

# Tribute Wall



“ *Waldemar "Butch" Clodfelter*

---

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM