



## George Henry Meeker

November 1, 1945 - April 20, 2022

Mr. George Henry Meeker, age 76, of Griffin, passed away on April 20, 2022 at his residence.

Mr. Meeker was born on November 1, 1945 in The Bronx, NY. He was the son of the late John Sullivan Meeker and Helen Diaz Meeker. Mr. Meeker was a graduate of Groves High School in Waynesboro, Ga. He enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War 1967-1970. Mr. Meeker retired from Bell South after many years of service. He was a proud and dedicated member of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation of Hampton and also a member of First Assembly of God. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Ortuno.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Heather Meeker; grandchildren, Gavin Meeker, Ben Davis, Joseph Davis, and Zoe Ortuno; his beloved dog, Luna.

Private family services will be held at a later time.

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin, Ga. 30224 is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *George Henry Meeker*

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October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *I had the privilege to be a friend of his precious and FUN mother, Helen Meeker, and his awesome dad, John, before he passed away. I moved away and lost touch with Helen. I only met George once, but his mother loved him so much! God bless Jason and his little boys, who I knew, but would be young men now! Prayers for your family, I wish I knew how to get in touch. Much love, Victoria from Helen's church.*

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**victoria wyatt** - June 17, 2022 at 09:19 AM



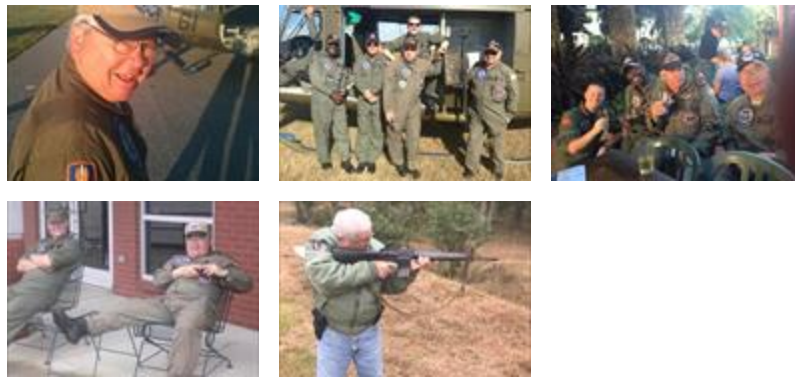
“ *One of our closest friends from the early telephone years in Marietta...So sorry to hear this. My prayers are with Jason and all the rest of the family. He was so proud of all of you! Now he and my Bill can sit on a cloud and swap phone stories...love to all, Nancy Lingerfelt*

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**Nancy Lingerfelt** - May 10, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ Had the distinct honor and privilege of working under and flying with George as my mentor crewing the Huey. Back in 2001-2002, he was the senior Crew Chief and I learned as much as I could from him and the rest of the Sky Soldiers as my duties onboard the aircraft. It lead me to having the opportunity to do the very same thing in the Marine Corps for a bit. His experiences serving in Vietnam with the United States Army was shared upon me and for that I am grateful. It was a pleasure to serve with him, fly with him, and call him a very good friend. He will indeed be missed as he makes his final approach into LZ Fiddlers Green.



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**Jacob Allen** - April 25, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ I knew George about 20 years. He even worked for me in the early 2000s in my helicopter parts business. What a great person. He always had a funny joke or story to tell, every day. Spoke Spanish. When we needed some Spanish speaking labor, George was right there. I connected him with some South American military to tell them about the AAHF once. He even loaned me his red pickup when mine was down. When I was recently divorced in 2003, I think he was worried about me and started bringing me profiles from Match . Com. I was resistant for a while but soon found that he was on to something. I later met my current wife of 14 years there. Had it not been for George, I may never have met her. For that I am forever grateful.

George was my Crew Chief on many occasions on the Huey and even invited me to his Ghostriders reunion that was held in Renton WA some years ago.

George flew back seat with me some in the AAHF Bird Dog and was a capable co pilot. He is in the back seat in the picture taken by Kurt Knapp

I will miss George's wit, funny stories and and brotherhood.  
RIP Brother

Tim Adamson



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Tim Adamsen - April 25, 2022 at 12:19 PM

JF

“ George was a good friend, caring, and always willing to help and do the best job possible. A good teacher and very professional and was always passing on his aircraft knowledge. He will be missed. Rest in peace, brother.  
Jim Fink

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**Jim Fink** - April 25, 2022 at 10:26 AM

OB

“ So glad the LORD allowed me to know you as my Christian brother. Thankful to know you are with GOD and your daughter.

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**otis belvin** - April 24, 2022 at 08:59 PM

GV

“ George was just one of those "genuine" people, that everyone was glad (and honored) to meet. His humble and sincere ways were an inspiration to others. I met George through our work at the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation. He always had time to help others and would be the first one to jump in and help. I will miss my fellow warrior and friend.



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**Glen Veno** - April 23, 2022 at 10:31 PM

MW

“ I got to know George in 2011 when I rode the Huey and joined The AAHF and have rode a many of times with him as crew chief over the years and he has shared a lot of information with me about the Huey such as the fuel burn rate, characteristics of flight and many other issues especially Safety in and out of the Huey. He always was eager to talk about his flight experiences and shared a big smile when doing so---So George---Here's to you -- still crewing in a Huey--In the sky---My George--In the SKY.

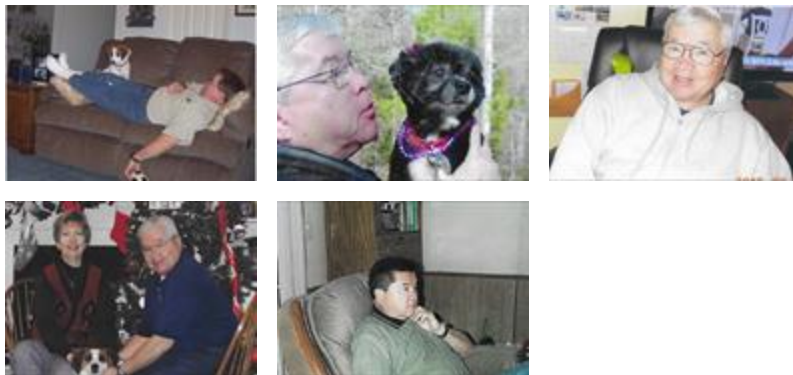
*Marvin & Janice West.*

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**MARVIN WEST** - April 23, 2022 at 06:22 PM

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**Sherrill Meeker** - April 23, 2022 at 03:12 PM

JE

“ George will be missed by all who knew him. He had the heart of a Lion and would help anyone any time. It really hurt him when his crewing days were over. I am sure he has his own Huey in Fiddlers Green and it is the best ship in the fleet. God Bless and keep you brother. Love, Joe and Mary.

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**Joe Emerson** - April 23, 2022 at 01:57 PM

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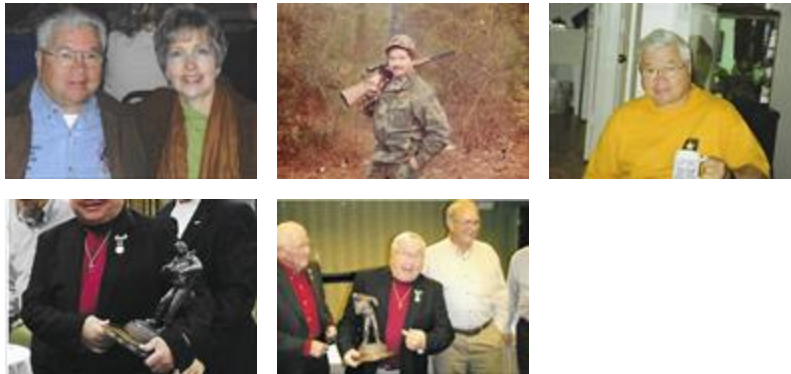


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**Fred Edwards** - April 23, 2022 at 12:43 PM

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**Sherrill Meeker** - April 23, 2022 at 11:41 AM

RK

“ *George was one of the first people I met when I joined the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation 15 years ago. He always had a smile on his face and willing to lend a hand on any and all projects. George crewed for me many times and it was always comforting knowing he had my "6". While he and I did not serve together in Vietnam we still shared a kinship for our time in country. He will be missed!*

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**Ralph Kahlan** - April 23, 2022 at 09:32 AM

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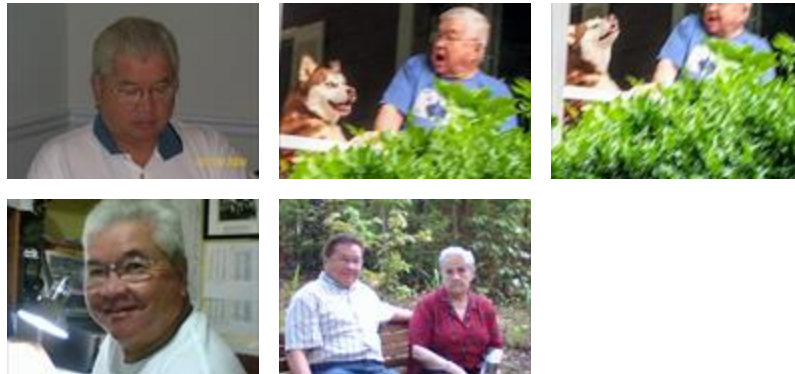
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Sherrill Meeker - April 23, 2022 at 09:27 AM

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Sherrill Meeker - April 23, 2022 at 09:13 AM

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Fred Edwards - April 22, 2022 at 11:15 PM

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“ George Meeker. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of Vietnam Veterans have shaped my life of 67 years. This man was one of them. George was extremely proud of his service to his country as a Huey Crew Chief/Door Gunner during the Vietnam War. I can attest that he was equally proud of his family, his career with Bell South, and his association with the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, the latter of which he was a founding member and past Volunteer of the Year. The Foundation is where I got to know and work with him.

He was never afraid to get his hands dirty preparing an aircraft for flight or teaching a "Rookie" the skills he learned and never forgot so many years ago as a member of the 189th Assault Helicopter Company during combat operations in Vietnam. He was a fixture in the hangar for many, many years, loving the camaraderie and company of other veterans of aerial combat.

George liked to brag about his yearly treks to Indian Reservations in the upper Mid-West, where he would provide essential clothing and other material to them. He would talk hours about it - you knew it brought joy to his heart to be helping so many in this way.

As George's physical limitations began to restrict what he could/could not do with the Foundation's aircraft, he continued to help in a myriad of other ways - teaching, mentoring, and volunteering to go great distances to see a mission to its success. I will never forget his warmth and loyalty to the organization up until the last time I saw him a few weeks ago.

So long George Meeker. You left your mark on many. I am proud and honored to have known, flown and worked with you the past seven years.

Slow hand salute. Rest easy.

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Fred Edwards - April 22, 2022 at 11:08 PM

JM

“ George and I were members of the AAHF for many years. Didn't see him much recently but did spend a few hours with him back in February in North Georgia. He did a great job helping to train the helicopter crew chiefs over the years.

*Jerry Mellick*



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**Jerry Mellick** - April 22, 2022 at 10:52 PM

AV

“ Rest in Peace Warrior, going to miss our calls we've shared throughout the years. Give my best to my friend George Geiger and by any chance if you happen to see my Debby tell her I'm missing her dearly but I'll see all of you when the lord gets tired of me here on this earth..  
May the good lord bless you and all I miss for all of Eternity and from this greatful nation thank you for your service to our country 🇺🇸  
Salute

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**Arthur Villarreal** - April 22, 2022 at 07:52 PM