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Staff Sergeant Raymond Allen Newsome Sr. (Ret), 66, of Saint Augustine, Florida, entered eternal rest on December 2, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with liver cancer. Raymond was born in Tarboro, North Carolina on January 16, 1945 to parents W.T. and Eva Newsome. Raymond joined his beloved wife, Birgit Newsome, of 33 years, in heaven as she passed away on June 21, 2011 from a heart attack at the age of 53 years. Staff Sergeant Newsome honorably served 18 years in the United States Army. He was a combat trooper in Vietnam for two tours. He obtained multiple injuries and lost many of his friends in combat. The remainder of his life was complicated due to these injuries and conditions obtained in the war, and was ultimately ended by cancer as a result of his service. He is a true American hero, and his Country owes him an eternal debt of gratitude for his honor, courage, and bravery. Raymond always spoke fondly of his service, wore his patriotism on his sleeve, and never spoke disparagingly of the Army. A visitation with family will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday December 6, 2011 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home Military Honors will be bestowed by the U.S. Army Honor Guard at 7:00 PM Raymond Newsome Sr. was survived by his children Raymond Newsome Jr. (Melissa), of Elkton, Florida, Kelly Pruyne of Elkton, Florida, Bianca Martin (Micah) of Clayton, North Carolina, Carl Newsome (Kathleen) of Puerto Rico, his sisters, Ann Peterson and Becky

House of Hampton, Virginia, his grandchildren, Jordan, Justin, Joey, Ashley, Shaylynn, Carson, Nicole, Justin (Juju), his great grandchildren, Colton and Peyton, and multiple nieces and nephews, as well as his furry family Scooter and Baby Bella. The family of Raymond Newsome Sr. would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the staff of Northeast Florida Community Hospice, The Bailey Center of St. Augustine, Florida, for the loving and kind care through the last few days of his life. Their kindness and generosity eased his journey into heaven. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.