



Robert Chester "Jake" Bowditch

May 10, 1944 - March 13, 2019

Robert C. "Jake" Bowditch, 74, St. Augustine, passed away March 13, 2019 at the Bailey Center for Caring. He was born in Winthrop, MA and had resided in St. Augustine since 2001, moving here from the Boston Area. Jake was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served 3 tours in Vietnam and was honorably discharged after ten years of service. He then began a career as a fire systems inspector until his retirement. He was past commander of the American Legion Post 146 in Winthrop, MA, former president of the IBEW, a member of the Marine Cryptologic Association, the Marine Corps League, and St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

A memorial service will be held 5:00 p.m. Tuesday March 19, 2019 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. A visitation beginning at 4:00 p.m. will precede the services.

Interment with military honors will be held 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Bowditch, St. Augustine; son, Paul Flegle (Erin), Longmont, CO; sisters in law Kathleen Cowperthwaite (Ken), Shirley Whittier, all of St. Augustine, Elinor Whittier, Naples; brothers in laws, Stephen Whittier (Claire), Palm Coast, Paul Whittier (Susanne), St. Augustine; two grandchildren, Kinlyn and Nylee Flegle; and cousin, Billy O'Neill, Hull, MA

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home

Memorial Service

MAR 19. 5:00 PM.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I knew Jake as a young man on the Amvet Cadet Drill Team, in Winthrop Ma. A gentleman, and a perfectionist when doing our rifle and marching maneuvers. RIP my friend.

Michael West - March 27, 2019 at 07:56 AM

JW

“ Bobby was one of many grandchildren born to Agnes and Maurice Driscoll of Winthrop, Mass. I also am one if those grandchildren. My 3 sisters and younger brother spent many Sunday,s at my grandparents house with Bobby . All is good when you are young. Time and space sometimes separate families, but he was still our cousin. We express sympathy and love at this time of loss to our cousin,s family. He was Always " Bobby" to us. June Dunphy Walker, Sarasota, Fl.

June Walker - March 22, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Chester "Jake" Bowditch.



March 19, 2019 at 09:02 AM

CH

“ Jane, our condolences in your loss, Jake was a good friend and he will be missed.

Chuck and Leslie

Chuck Houde - March 18, 2019 at 12:21 PM

RH

“ So many happy memories. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Roberta Henderson - March 18, 2019 at 07:17 AM

WH

“ Too many good memories to list, could crash the website. so R I P Jake. Condolences to Jane. Billy Henderson

William R Henderson - March 17, 2019 at 05:09 PM

BO

Is this Bill Henderson from Hull Massachusetts?

Bill O'Neill - March 18, 2019 at 10:31 AM

MS

“ I first met Jake in 1964 in Pensacola, Fla. We were both in training to become Special Radio Operators. Hooked up again at Camp Lejeune and detailed together to Morocco for 6 months. Took trips to Gibraltar at the same time. He had a great sense of humor and was every bit Irish. He will be missed greatly. You can now RIP.

Mike Straker - March 16, 2019 at 12:49 PM

MM

Mitch "The Flapper" Mills grew up with him in Winthrop Ma. One of my best friends in the world. Great memories I will miss him dearly R.I.P. Semper Fi

Mitch mills - March 17, 2019 at 02:22 PM

BO

“ *Jake Bowditch is my hero and always will be.
He is now guarding the streets of Heaven.
I love you Jake
Aooah!
Bill O'Neill*

Bill O'Neill - March 16, 2019 at 08:47 AM

CS

“ *No one can ever replace the amazing person that Jake was. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.*

Carol Sweeney - March 15, 2019 at 06:06 PM

NF

“ *When the person you are closest to is gone, hold on to their memories and know that they are always with you. My deepest condolences, Jane.*

Noreen Fox - March 15, 2019 at 05:56 PM

WF

*(S/Sgt. JAKE Bowditch, USMC).
"When HE get to HEAVEN to Ole Saint Pete He'll Tell, another
MARINE REPORTING SIR! I've SERVED MY TIME in HELL"
Semper Fi. S/SGT Jake.
My Condolencies Jane, & Billy O'Neil.*

William Furey - March 16, 2019 at 02:39 PM

KO

Rest In Peace Jake Bowditch. Thank you for your service! So sorry for your loss Jane.

I remember as as a seven year old having a conversation with Jake in front of Brown's Pharmacy in Winthrop not fifty yards from Aunt Dede's residence. The next time I saw Jake & Jane was on Revere beach in the early eighties. I'm glad Bill got to know him.

Kevin O'Neill

Kevin O'Neill - March 16, 2019 at 07:19 PM