



Joseph A. Fleming

September 03, 1942 - January 01, 2021

Joseph A. Fleming, 78, of Chatham, died at 9:58 a.m. on Friday, January 1, 2021, at Memorial Medical Center.

Joseph was born on September 3, 1942, in Williamsport, PA, the son of Lawrence and Catherine (Shephard) Fleming. He married Marion Danner on April 14, 1986 in Springfield.

Joseph graduated from DePaul Academy in Chicago and from University of Illinois. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War with 101 Airborne Division and 1st Cavalry Division while with the 1/30th Artillery, and for a short time, with the South Korean Capital Division. He was ranked as a Sergeant and Army Artillery Officer. Joseph was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Air Medal. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW Post 4763 where he was a past Post Commander and All State Commander for District 10. Joseph was a member of Catholic War Vets, and a lifetime member of Vietnam Veterans of America and Vietnow. He was also the Chairman of Sangamon County Veterans Assistance Commission and a Lieutenant on the Park Forest South/ University Park Fire Department.

Joseph worked in the highway construction and asphalt oil industry and retired from Marathon Oil. After retirement, he volunteered at St. John's Hospital and the Abraham Lincoln Museum.

Joseph loved to fish, loved to travel, and enjoyed spending time with his family. Joseph was an avid Chicago sports fan and one of his proudest moments was being honored as a veteran on the ice at a Chicago Blackhawks game.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Lawrence Fleming II.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Marion; son, Kevin Fleming of Chicago; daughters, Kathryn (Chris) Blom of Petersburg, Megan (Chris) Lutz of Oceanside, CA, and Deborah Murphy of Springfield; grandchildren, Alexandra, Jacob, Alyssa, Bill, Kailey, and Fletcher; great-grandchild, Christopher; brother, Thomas Fleming; and sisters, Mary (Joe) Hutmacher and Patricia Bellegardt.

Funeral Mass: 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021 at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 700 E. Spruce St., Chatham, IL 62629, with Rev. John Nolan, celebrant. Due to COVID restrictions there will be limited capacity and face coverings will be required. Family and friends may view the Mass via livestream [HERE](#)

Burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chatham VFW Post 4763, 501 W. Mulberry St., Chatham, IL 62629 or Chatham American Legion, P.O. Box 402, Chatham, IL 62629.

The family is being served by Butler Funeral Home – Chatham, 8855 State Route 4, Chatham.

Cemetery



**CAMP BUTLER NATIONAL
CEMETERY**

5063 Camp Butler,
Springfield, IL 62707

Events



FUNERAL MASS
10:00 AM

St. Joseph the Worker
700 East Spruce Street,
Chatham, Illinois 62629

Tribute Wall

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Your Ronald McDonald House Family

Marion and Family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.



Tribute Store

A memorial tree was planted in memory of Joseph A. Fleming.



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"Pretty Please"

was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Fleming

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 A tree was also planted in memory of Joseph A. Fleming.

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Chet Bartlett

I am honored to have had this man in my life at one time, as a confidant, friend and father in law. Always appreciated him, his work ethic, integrity and love for country. Even if we didn't directly see each other for years, he never forgot me, and I will never forget him. He will be missed but has ascended into Heaven to be with God where there is no more pain or suffering. Marion please accept my sincere condolences on your loss along with Kathy, Kevin, Megan and Deb, you are all in our thoughts and prayers for peace. Joe thank you for your dedicated service to this country. O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen The Bartlett Family

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Tracie McCall

My heart goes out to you Marion. You know how much I love both you and Joe. His belly laughs and no nonsense approach to life will be missed! I appreciate all of Joe's lessons about asphalt emulsions and cutbacks. I always looked forward to finding the flag on the annual Christmas card. A couple of my favorite memories... Joe throwing a co-worker's GPS (Tom Tom I think) out of the car window stating you would never need it if you had a map. We did a high school/old school picture collage at one of our meetings - before throw back Thursdays were a thing - and Joe got a kick slipping a "special" roadside pic from Vietnam in the mix. I had set aside some tickets for Joe to entertain one of his customers at a Tigers vs Brewers game - the customer backed out and I encouraged Joe to come anyway. He decided not to make the trip - but called me the next day so angry that he didn't! It was Justin Verlander's first no hitter. Rest In Peace Joe - "the Kid" Tracie McCall



Love Jeff, Mallory, Joe, Dana, Kellie, Nate and Kimmie Fazio

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"Lavender Reflections Spray"
was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Fleming

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Rose Connolly

My sincere condolences to Marion and the rest of the family. Joe was sure proud of his veteran service as evident by leading the Veterans Assistance Commission and being a fellow member of our Catholic War Veterans. May he rest in peace ~+~ Amen