



## Albert Ernest Kennedy

March 14, 1948 - March 31, 2024

CMSgt Albert “Abe” Ernest Kennedy of La Plata Maryland, was born on March 14, 1948 in Washington, Pennsylvania. He died at home on March 31, 2024. As a Vietnam-era veteran, Abe retired as a chief master sergeant and senior paralegal from the United States Air Force after 22 years of service. He later worked as a senior contracting officer at the United States Census Bureau until his retirement. Both careers were aided by years of night school, resulting in a bachelor of Arts degree in business from Kansas-Newman University, a Master of Arts degree in business from central Michigan University, an Associates of Arts degree in paralegal studies from the Community College of the Air Force, and a teaching certification in social studies through the college of Notre Dame of Maryland.

During his long marriage to his wife and traveling companion, Nancy Starmack Kennedy, to whom he often credited with making his life rewarding and fulfilling, he traveled throughout the United States and overseas in the pursuit of interesting historical sites and artifacts. A pursuit that contributed to the co-authoring of a successful tour book- “Just the Facts About Washington D.C.” with his wife. In addition to his travels and rewarding careers, he volunteered at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, the historical home of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, and the Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park in southern Maryland.

Predeceased by his parents the late Minor Newton Kennedy and Alberta May Cooper Kennedy, and his brothers; Floyd, Ralph and Bill. Abe is survived by

his loving wife, and numerous extended family and loving friends.

A visitation will be held Monday April 8th, 2024 from 1pm until time of service at 3pm in Raymond Funeral Services Chapel. As an appropriate end to his travels, Abe will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington Virginia, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made to the Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park in Abes name.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

APR 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Author, Statesman, Historian, loving husband, dear and faithful friend, Chief: that is Abe Kennedy, and more. Generous and kind, smart and sensible, and just one of the most likable people I have known.*

*There will always be a gap left behind in the place where he stood. No one can replace him, but two or three working together might.*

*...a pleasure to call him friend.*

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**Jack Pavelich, Cmsgt, USAF, retired** - April 06, 2024 at 08:15 PM

BR

“ *We are so saddened to hear of Abe's passing. We were so looking forward to getting together again in the spring. We came late to having a share of Abe's life but that short time was filled with learning, inspiration, and experiencing some of his great sense of humor. We wish for Nancy and the family peace, comfort, and the warm glow of many great memories. Rest assured that Abe was appreciated and will be fondly remembered by many. Bob and Brenda Root*

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**Bob Root** - April 04, 2024 at 09:53 PM

LS

*I'm so sorry to hear of Abe's passing. I worked with Abe for many years at Census. He was our supervisor (Pam, Rhonda and I) when he first became a "Fed" and our Branch Chief- we were his first staff members. Us 3 "girls" gave him a run for his money I'm sure haha. But we enjoyed learning from Abe and his stories from life experiences and travels and the yummy goodies that his sweet wife Nancy would make and send in for us. He loved bragging on Nancy that's for sure. He lit up every time he talked about her, which was often. My condolences to Nancy. May he rest in peace.*

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**Lisa Safewright** - April 05, 2024 at 03:19 PM

SJ

*I am just now learning of Abe's passing. I worked with him at the Census Bureau for a few years prior to his retirement. One thing I recall is how he took opportunities to teach others around him about contracting rules and regulations. Although he had so much experience and knowledge, he was such a humble person. We had a mutual friend and we stayed in touch after his retirement. That is when I met Nancy and what a perfect match for Abe. My sympathies and prayers go to Nancy.*

*Stacey Jordan*

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**Stacey Jordan** - May 23, 2024 at 11:04 PM