



Eugene David Champion

May 8, 1956 - January 28, 2022

From humble beginnings in a small Georgia town to traveling the world in service of his country, Eugene David Champion was a decorated military veteran, devoted father and family man.

Born on May 8, 1956 in Siloam, GA to Willie James Champion and Bride Mae Greene, he was the youngest of three children (Brother- James Albert Champion Sr., Sister- Catherine Champion). His mother moved with all of the children to Cleveland, OH in 1957 where Eugene would spend his childhood. A 1975 graduate of Glenville High School, he attended Ohio University for a semester before deciding to enlist in the United States Air Force.

Eugene served overseas in Germany and Spain during his military career. He even served in support of Operation Desert Storm & Desert Shield from 1990 to 1996. He was honored with several awards and decorations during his service. Eugene would eventually retire from the service in 1996 as a Master Sergeant.

Always one to pay attention to detail and a master at deciphering information, Eugene spent his years since retirement working mostly in the defense sector including as a Documentation Supervisor, Chief of Administration and as a Sections Chief at the Defense Nuclear Agency. He was currently working for the Department of the Air Force in a position he had held for more than 16

years.

Known to many family and friends as "Champ" or "Dubbie," Eugene loved to hunt, play golf and ride his motorcycle with his brothers from his motorcycle club, the Low N Wide Rydaz. He loved to laugh, had a wicked sense of humor and was a lover of films and music.

Eugene went to glory on Friday, January 28, 2022 and is survived by his two sons, Donald Eugene Champion (39) and David Ryan Carey-Champion (31), step-children Ashlea Warren-Seibles and Jonathan Carey. He's also survived by his significant other Cheryl Williams, Denise Cunningham (mother of Donald), Martha Carey (mother of David), loving nieces and nephews and his beloved sister-in-law, Annie Beatrice Champion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings and we can just hear the laughs and love coming from them as they all catch up. Eugene's ashes will be buried at Quantico National Cemetery, a national cemetery for veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces, on Friday March 4, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Eugene Champion asks that you consider donating to #covidknowmore, the NAACP's effort to spread COVID awareness. They also have useful information to help navigate this pandemic and resources for ordering free tests and masks. You can donate and get more information at: www.naacp.org/campaigns/covid-know-more

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road (Route 619)
Triangle, VA 22172
(703) 221-2183

Previous Events

Committal Service

MAR 4. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eugene David Champion

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Eugene David Champion

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of Champ passing he was a good friend. We watched our sons grow from boys to men on the football field and in life. We will miss this brother. RIP. J Scott

Jerry Scott - February 14, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene David Champion.



February 14, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ Shirley Davis lit a candle in memory of Eugene David Champion



Shirley Davis - February 13, 2022 at 12:51 PM

SD

"Eugene was a good person with a giving heart, there was nothing that we wouldn't do for you. He was the kind of person that if you were his friend you had one for life. He loved you Don and David unconditionally and would always talk about how proud of you guys he was. I am going to miss my "Bubba" seating on the bench getting our Vitamin D and talking about any and everything. I will always cherish the memories that I have with him. It was a joy knowing and spending time with him. I am going to miss him so much. RIP my friend"

Shirley Davis - February 13, 2022 at 01:18 PM

CD

“ David and Don your dad will be missed, I met him over 30 some years ago. he loved both of you and he will always talk about you Don. he was so proud of you. and David he loved you too. I am going to miss him sooo much.

Carolyn Dodson - February 12, 2022 at 02:34 PM

MB

“ Mildred Barnes lit a candle in memory of Eugene David Champion



Mildred Barnes - February 12, 2022 at 10:29 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Williams lit a candle in memory of Eugene David Champion



Cheryl Williams - February 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Eugene was my heart! I am going to miss everything about him. I'm sorry our time together was cut short. I will forever carry him in my heart and I will treasure EVERY memory we have made. The love of my life, until we meet again! Continue to watch over us. I love you always and miss you dearly!

Cheryl Williams - February 11, 2022 at 11:58 PM

LJ

“ I worked with Champ over 10 years at the Air Force Declassification Office (AFDO), he was always a great friend, he was a very talented reviewer, who was also very knowledgeable, intelligent, and professional at work. I would tease him about being an aficionado because he could speak intelligent about so many subjects such as cars, motorcycles, fishing, hunting, home repairs, sports, politics, music, movies, and more....

as a matter of fact the only subjects I think I knew more than Champ was religion and real estate investing. Champ and I also had a mutual interest in attending the local venues in DC and Maryland for Jazz music shows and rhythm and blues (R&B) concerts. It is not many people that you work with that you can also hang out with on your off-duty time and have fun with, but Champ was one of those friends. I will definitely, with out a doubt miss him.

To the family you are also in my thoughts and prayers. May the good Lord grant you His peace, love, and strength through the long and difficult days ahead. And may all the good memories of your love one fill your heart with joy and comfort.

Lawrence J. Poland Jr. - February 11, 2022 at 09:09 PM

RJ

“ Champ always made me laugh, he was a mentor to me on and off the court. Kyle George Champ & I went fishing with my Dad and he had daddy laughing so hard he Almost crashed his boat. RIP my brother

Robert Parks Jr - February 11, 2022 at 04:50 PM

GA

“ My dude, first sending my condolences to the family — may the peace of God continue to dwell with you forever.

Short story — Champ was definitely comedic — he and Harry-O used me to win them a pair of Reebok Pumps — I was like fellas y'all gone shoot — Nall get down there do your work — like the movie Life — boss he ain't working. 🏀🙏🙏.

Gary Arnold - February 11, 2022 at 02:58 PM

MH

Facts! True story! Lol

Harry O

Marvin Harris - February 11, 2022 at 07:37 PM

MH

“ Champ was my best friend. He will be missed forever! RIP my brother.

Marvin Harris



Marvin Harris - February 11, 2022 at 02:18 PM

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“ *Low-N-Wide Rydaz (M/C) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eugene David Champion.*



Low-N-Wide Rydaz (M/C) - February 11, 2022 at 11:16 AM