

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am in a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the softly falling snow.  
I am the gentle showers of rain,  
I am the fields of ripening grain.  
I am in the morning hush,  
I am in the graceful rush  
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,  
I am the starshine of the night.  
I am in the flowers that bloom,  
I am in a quiet room.  
I am in the birds that sing,  
I am in each lovely thing.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there. I do not die.*

# *A Celebration of Life*



## *Siler Alvis McCarty*

**December 19, 1946 - October 6, 2021**

**Siler Alvis McCarty**, age 74, passed away at his home on Wednesday, October 6th, 2021. Siler was born December 19th, 1946. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam Conflict from 1966-1968 in the United States Army, 19th Psychological Operations Company (PSYOPS). He received the coveted Soldier's Medal for being one of three soldiers to rescue a fellow soldier from a vehicle that burst into flames. Siler and the other two quickly extinguished the flames with their bare hands, and removed the soldier from the vehicle and almost certain death.

Upon his return stateside, he served as an officer with both the Campbell County Sheriff's Department and the LaFollette Police Department. He eventually attained the rank of 3rd shift Sergeant at the LaFollette Police Department. After 13 years on both police forces, he became a rural mail carrier with the U. S. Postal Service, where he retired in 2014 after 36 years of service. He was an active member of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, serving as delegate to many national conventions, and also an active member of the Tennessee Rural Letter Carriers' Association, serving as state secretary-treasurer. He was honored to be selected as Tennessee "Rural Carrier of the Year" in 1998. He loved spending time with his family and being Emma's "cabana boy" on many photography and nature trips. He was also a hobby farmer and loved to garden. Siler was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of LaFollette.

He was preceded in death by his parents Chet McCarty and Nancy McCarty, mother-in-love Zelma Carroll McCarty, brother-in-law Bill Davidson, and grandson Alex Lucas.

He is survived by his loving wife, Emma McCarty; sons David McCarty and Jarrod McCarty; daughters, Nancy Lucas, Pauletta Rains, and Ericka McCarty. He is also survived by a brother, Larry McCarty (Margaret), sisters, Rosemary Davidson and Pat Carroll; grandchildren, Brittany Rains, Chris Lucas, Abbey McCarty, Alyssa Rains, Michael Lucas, Valerie Lucas, and Connor McCarty; 3 great-grandchildren, and a whole host of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Siler would want you to make a donation to the American Kidney Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

## *Graveside Service*

**Opening Prayer.....Rev. Johnny Vanover**

**Song.....Ericka McCarty  
daughter**

**Tribute to Siler, the rural mail carrier.....Gary Wilder  
Chaplain  
National Rural Letter Carriers' Association**

**Tribute song in memory of Siler Alvis McCarty, Specialist 5,  
U.S. Army Psychological Operations (PSYOPS Warrior) Can  
Tho, Vietnam 1966-1968 ..... "Soldier's Angel" by Stevie Nicks**

**Scripture Readings.....Rev. Johnny Vanover**

**Song.....Tim Worman, violin**

**Reading of Obituary.....Rev. Johnny Vanover**

**Eulogy and Words of Comfort.....Rev. Johnny Vanover**

**Tribute song from Siler's "cabana girl", forever soulmate and  
loving wife, Emma..... "A Song For You" by Leon Russell**

**Closing Prayer.....Gary Wilder  
Chaplain  
National Rural Letter Carriers' Association**

**Military Honors.....The Campbell County Honor Guard**

**"Amazing Grace".....Rick Myers, bagpipe**