



## Glenn Birch

March 16, 1943 - August 30, 2012

Glenn Birch, 69, of Butler, passed away at 6:10 p.m. Thursday, at Butler Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Butler on March 16th, 1943, and was a son of the late John G. and Delores M. (Lorenz) Birch.

Glenn was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Vietnam era, and was involved with training officers of allied countries and spent considerable time as an advisor in the Congo, Liberia, Cambodia, and Vietnam. He was a member of the Moose, Elks, Italian Society of Butler, Slovak Sokol Society, Brockway Sportsmen's Club, the Butler County Military Veterans Committee, AMVETS, American Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion, and an active member and officer of American Legion Post 117.

During his 25 years of service to The American Legion, Glenn was elected to numerous offices at Post 117, was bestowed many awards and honors, established and chartered the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 117, and as Finance Officer for several years, played a major role in both the fundraising and building of the new Post Home on Main Street. During this time, he was actively involved in fundraising to support veterans at the VA Medical Center and many other community programs, was instrumental in establishing the Korean War Monument and the World War II Monument in

Butler's Diamond Park, and helped many veterans and their families through difficult times. In 1995, he originated the Butler Flag Project that began with 14 flags and now maintains over 70 American flags flying proudly in Downtown Butler. In 2003, he was awarded Butler County Veteran of the Year.

Most recently, Glenn was the Commander of American Legion Post 117 from 2004 until the time of his death. In 2011, He was awarded the Pennsylvania American Legion Commander of the Year. Glenn also touched a lot of lives, and enjoyed the many friendships he built over the years.

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lenn was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed hunting, watching sports, an occasional trip to the casino and playing cards. He also cherished time spent with his family. Surviving are his loving wife of 46 years, Bonnie (Kaiser) Birch; two sons, Brian Birch and his wife Martha, and Greg Birch; two granddaughters, Vanessa and Victoria Birch; his sister Donna M. (Birch) Bergbigler; and mother in law, Dorothy L. Kaiser, all of Butler. Glenn was preceded in death by his brother C. Thomas Birch.

Private memorial services will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory are suggested to 'Operation Home Base' c/o American Legion Post 117, 413 South Main Street, Butler, PA 16001.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie & Family. what a great loss to all who knew him. When we would walk into the legion you could always count on Glenn to give his great smile and always say some words of wisdom ha. Ha He will be missed by all, especially at the legion for Don & me. hang in there Bonnie and family-----he is up there in the legion in the sky just waiting with a smile on his face to welcome each of us in and have a drink with him and all his friends Take care and please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. Don. & Sandy##imported-begin##don & Sandy Hutchensladwellers##imported-end##*

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“ *Bonnie and family,*

*We are so sorry for your lose. Our prays are with you.*

*Deepest sympathy,*

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“ *Bonnie and family, I am deeply saddened to hear Glenn passed away. In all the twenty something years I have been a member and worked with him there at the Legion, he was a man of great sense of humor and respect. I am glad to have known you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family and of course his commrads.##imported-begin##Darlene ( MARSICO) Varljen##imported-end##*

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“ *My Thoughts & Prayers Go Out To The Family & Friends Of Glenn!  
I Played Cards With Him At The Belmont He Was A Great Person &  
Always Had A Smile On His Face! You'll Be Missed Greatly But  
Never Forgotten!###imported-begin##Kayla##imported-end##*

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