

CAPTAIN JOE JANIS

Another Marine from 1948 Marine Detachment USS Des Moines has passed; Capt. Joe (Jay) Janis joined the Marines underage which was discovered while he was at Parris Island, SC. They kept him at Parris Island until he turned 17 and his Mom went down from Chicago and signed him in the Corps; He served in Vietnam and we were in the same Battalion together; he also served with Chesty Puller in the Korean frozen Chosin. (Machine gunner)

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I am sad to say that Jay went peacefully to the Lord this morning. It was a long hard five month journey for him, but he seemed to keep on fighting. We brought him home from the hospital the Friday before Christmas, and put him right in the middle of every thing in the family room. The entire family were here - Christmas eve we had 16 for dinner. One grandson was here from teaching in Burma, our granddaughter going to school in Australia, and a third just graduating from Ohio State mid term. Plus our other two younger ones. He was still giving orders from his hospital bed how to make or cook things! Christmas morning he spent in a wheelchair watching everyone opening presents. After that it was a slow decline, but he held on until this morning. I have been surrounded by loving people and I know the full impact of his being gone is still to come. He would have been 89 on February 8th and we would have been married 57 years on March 3rd.
Love Sharon