



## Sterling Rowe VanMatre

April 22, 1949 - March 31, 2005

Anderson - Sterling Rowe VanMatre, 55, Anderson, died March 31, 2005 at Community Hospital, Anderson after an extended illness. He was born April 22, 1949 in Anderson, Indiana, and was a lifelong Anderson resident. He retired from the United States Air Force after 16 years along with serving four years with the United States Marine Corp. He served his country in the US Air Force and the US Marines during the Vietnam War. He was a life member of the VFW, the American Legion Post #127 and the Madison County Voiture #510 40 & 8. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed camping. He is survived by his wife whom he married December 21, 1969 in Anderson, Diana Mitchell VanMatre; three children, Jon VanMatre, Brian VanMatre and Wendy VanMatre all of Anderson; five grandchildren, Derek, Chelsea, A.J., Josiah and Rylee; siblings, R. David & wife Mary VanMatre, Sonny & wife Laura VanMatre, Pearl Owens and Tiny & husband Lloyd Eskew; two sisters-in-law, Betty VanMatre and Paula & husband Stephen Henderson; mother-in-law, Barbara VanMatre; brother-in-law, Douglas Mitchell; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his parents, Ora & Crystal Needler VanMatre; a brother, Elmer G. VanMatre and two sisters, Nancy Le May and Cora Niedzwiecki. Services will be Monday, April 4, 2005 at 11:30 AM, at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, with Rev. Richard True officiating. Visitation will be from 2-6:00 PM on Sunday, April 3, 2005 at South Chapel. Cremation will take place. Military rites will be conducted at the funeral home by the VFW Post #266. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple

Sclerosis Society. [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sterling pasted on with such a short life. He was my assistant Crew Chief on AIR FORCE TWO at Andrews AFB, Md. He was a marine at heart but did a very good job as a aircraft Crew Chief. Great job sport. We will miss you for ever

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**MSgt Robert E Hoffer** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family, We are so sorry for your loss. Sterling was a great man. He was very proud of his family. Talked greatly of his grandchildren. If there is anything that we can do, please don't hesitate to ask. Our prayers are with you.

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**Mr. Joseph & Stephanie Fischer** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My mom and dad were great friends with Sterling's parents and as a child I spent many special occasions with his family. I know that your family knows you have gone to a better place and I wish the family all my blessings as they go through this trying time.

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**Linda Rhea Bogir** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM