



## Dr. Darold R. Lance, Jr.

March 19, 1951 - September 22, 2012

Dr. Darold Lance Jr., age 61, went to be with Jesus on Saturday, 9/22/2012. He passed peacefully in his sleep while at home.

He is preceded in death by mother and father: Pauline & Darold Lance Sr; brother: David Lance; mother-in-law Laima Lielbriedis; and daughter: Sarah Lance. He is survived by his wife: Andra (Lielbriedis) Lance; sons: Andrew, Phillip & wife Lindsay, Theo & wife Morgan, and Patrick; grandchildren: Allison & Jackson Lance; sisters: Darlene (Al) and Daline & husband George; nephews: Nathan & wife Meghan and Ben Lance.

Born in Akron, Ohio, his father was part of the building crew for the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus. He met his wife, Andra, at Kent State University where both earned degrees in Psychology. They married in December 1975 and both attended The Ohio State University in Columbus, where Darold earned a degree in Cellular Microbiology. After the birth of Andrew in 1979, they moved to Athens, to Ohio University where Darold became a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Phillip was born in 1982.

Darold then joined the National Guard and served for 13 years and earned the Commander's Award for Excellence for saving a fellow soldier's life. He took pride that he was licensed to drive a tank and was trained in explosives while serving in the Army Corps of Engineers Combat Battalion Unit. His sons Theo

and Patrick were born in 1986 and 1988 while Darold served in the military. He retired in 1996 as a decorated Captain. Doc Lance worked as a physician in Jackson for 18 years. He took care of his patients with love, even if they paid him with pies.

Darold loved music and even saw Pink Floyd 14 times. He traveled coast to coast, even hiking down one side of the Grand Canyon and up the other with his wife. He often took his family to Port Clinton to eat his favorite meal, Lake Erie perch.

Dr. Lance spent the last several years of his life with his loving family, becoming a grandfather ("Chief" to his grandkids) in 2009. His grandkids were his pride and joy. Dr. Darold Lance Jr loved his family, served his country and saved many lives. He is a man that will be missed by many.

Medical care and our military were dear to Dr. Lance's heart. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Homes for Our Troops, an organization that provides specially adapted homes for our severely wounded service members.

Saturday 9/29/2012

Viewing: 1-3pm

Service: 3pm Rev. Roger Cartwright