

SFC (Ret) John J. Karlen

April 13, 1934 - August 30, 2005



John J. Karlen died August 30, 2005 in Lawton, Oklahoma, of congestive heart failure. Memorial service for retired Sgt. 1st Class John J. Karlen, 71, Lawton, will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Capt. Jan Kohlmann, chaplain, Fort Sill, officiating. Sgt. Karlen died Tuesday, August 30, 2005, in Lawton. Internment with military honors will be at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill.

He was born April 13, 1934, in Kalispell, Mont. He joined the U.S. Army and served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired from the Army on January 27, 1969, after 20 years of service. He married Yoshie U. Uchida in Tokyo, Japan, on January 20, 1969. He was a longtime member of VFW 5263 and a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America-Lawton Chapter 751.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Corry J. and Sharon K. Karlen, North Richland Hills, Texas; a granddaughter, Allyssa C. Karlen, and a grandson, Carson J. Karlen, both of North Richland Hills, Texas.

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