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## **Friedman, Richard J.**

Col. Richard J. Friedman, Sr., US Army, Retired, 77, died Monday, November 23, 2020 at his home in Lansdale, PA with family by his side. He was the husband of the late Susan R. (Imhof) Friedman.

Born December 15, 1942 in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late George and Margaret (Sternberger) Friedman.

Col. Friedman was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army upon his graduation from Penn State University in 1965. He served in the Vietnam War earning, among others, a Bronze Star Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal with oak cluster, and four Bronze Service Stars. After several years on active duty and with a growing family, Col. Friedman went into the army reserve to continue his 30-year military service until his retirement in 1995. As a reserve officer he earned the Army Achievement Medal.

Upon entering the US Army Reserve, Col. Friedman returned to Penn State University and completed an MBA in 1974. His area of expertise was production



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logistics. Advancements in his corporate career took him and his family to New Jersey, Illinois, Wisconsin, and ultimately back to Pennsylvania.

Col. Friedman enjoyed relaxing at his house in the Poconos by fishing off the dock, cooking, and reading.

Col. Friedman is survived by his son, Michael A. Friedman; daughters Megan E. Larkin, and Terry Ann Giltner, husband Scott; grandchildren, Jacob, Andrew, Delaney, Elizabeth, Brooke, and Lara Rose; brother, Robert Friedman; and beloved aunt, The Great Aunt Janet Sternberger. In addition to his wife he was also predeceased by a son, Richard J. Friedman, Jr.

The service for Col. Friedman took place at Washington Crossing National Cemetery. He was buried with Susan, his wife of 54-years.

