

# RON BUTLER

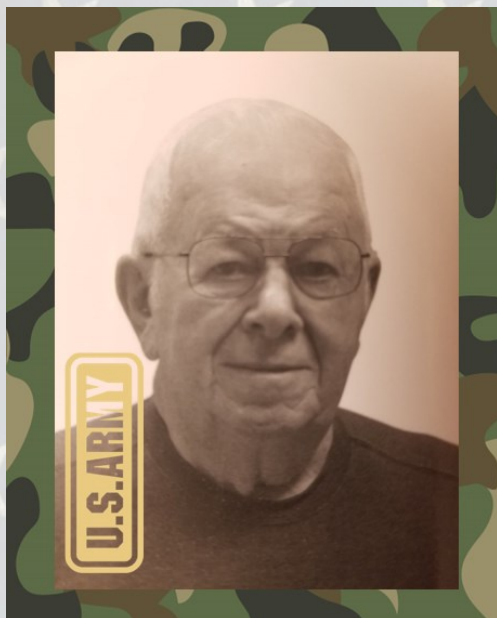
## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**PRESENTED BY:** Northwest Arkansas Chapter—MOAA

**IN MEMORY OF:** LTC Ron Butler, U.S. Army

**LIVED FROM:** 2 August 1934 to 7 April 2023

**SURVIVED BY:** : Mrs. Lynn Butler



Ronald L Butler, age 88, a Vietnam Veteran (2 tours) passed away at the Washington Regional Medical Center on Friday, April 7, 2023. He was born in Hillsboro, WI on August 2, 1934, the middle child of 5 boys, to Earl and Margie (Shaker) Butler. He attended Hillsboro schools, graduating in 1952.

Ron's military career started when, still in high school, he enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard in January 1952 and was employed at the USPFO in Camp Williams, WI. During the Berlin Crisis Ron and his unit were called up and spent a year at Ft. Lewis, WA. Shortly after that, he made the decision to make the Army his career. He received his commission when he graduated from Class 01 of the Wisconsin Military Academy.

For the next 33 years, he and his family traveled across the country doing 1-to-2-year tours of duty. Ron served in Thailand, Saudi Arabia and two tours in Vietnam. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and retired in June 1985. He received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and numerous other commendations and was an expert marksman.

Ron and his wife, Lyndall were Hillsboro High School sweethearts who married on Valentine's Day 1954. Daughter Kathleen was born in 1955 and Son Ronald David in 1956.

After retirement, Ron spent time volunteering at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, AR and was instrumental in land purchases for the Fayetteville National Cemetery expansion, leading the RNCIC for many years. He was a Lifetime member of the 25th Infantry Division Association, MOAA, the SAMO Lodge 32 in Hillsboro, WI, the Camp Douglas, WI, Legion Post 133, and the NRA. He was an avid gardener and was into organic gardening before it became popular. He was a kind, generous and patient man who loved his Family and his Country.

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*He was a true patriot and loved his family, community, and his country.*