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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
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**PHILIP D. GRAHAM**  
**SERGEANT, U S. MARINE CORPS**  
**VIETNAM VETERAN**

GRAHAM, Philip D. age 59, of Middletown, passed away Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the VA Medical Center in Cleveland. He was born March 22, 1949 in Middletown, OH to Cecil and Elda (Lovely) Graham. Philip served our country in the US Marines during the Vietnam War with an honorable discharge. He was employed at Armco Steel Company in the BOF Department for 32 years, retiring in 2005. Philip also worked for Mount Pleasant Retirement Village in Maintenance. Philip is survived by his parents, Cecil and Elda Graham of AZ; wife, Pam Graham of 39 years; sons, Mike (Amy) Graham and

Ted Graham (U.S. Coast Guard) both of Middletown; 2 sisters, Belinda (Pat) Meier of FL and Jenny (Jerry) Lane of AZ; sister-in-law, Paula Binnie; 4 nieces, Jeanine (Brian) Opdke and Michelle (Scott) Maddox, Jodie Whaley and Jerica Binnie; nephew, Jason Schaeffer. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 14, 2009 from 9:00-11:00 AM at Baker-Stevens Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life Service will be follow at 11:00 AM with Tim Graham officiating. Interment will be at Woodside Cemetery with Military Honor Guard Services. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.baker-stevens.com](http://www.baker-stevens.com) Published in The Middletown Journal on 2/10/2009 .

Sergeant Philip D. Graham was on active duty with the Marine Corps from May 1968 through May 1972. He went through Marine Corps Boot Camp at Paris Island, SC. He served one tour in Vietnam and was Honorably Discharged at Millington, TN. His medals received included the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (w/4 oak leaf clusters), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Vietnam MUC Civic Action, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

On Saturday, February 14, 2009 **The Chosin Reservoir Detachment Casket & Funeral Guard** was honored to serve the Graham Family during the Visitation for Marine Philip D. Graham. The detail consisted of Marines Walter Golladay, Chuck Klosterman and Ryan Ertel.

Following the funeral, Military Honor Guard Services were rendered at Woodside Cemetery by The Combined Honor Guard from American Legion Post #218 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3809, Middletown, OH. The Combined Honor Guard fired a 3-volley rifle salute, played taps and presented a folded U.S. Flag to the family of Marine Philip D. Graham. The unit is led by dual NCOICs John Paynter, 1st Sgt, and Daryl Short, 1stSgt.