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## Arthur W. Kempton III, 72

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GILMANTON — On Sunday, March 11, 2018, Arthur W. Kempton III passed away from a long-term illness. He passed peacefully, surrounded by family. Artie was born on April 25, 1945, to Arthur Kempton II and Sarah Doran of Dorchester, Massachusetts. He grew up in Norfolk, Massachusetts, and graduated with the first vocational class of King Philip High School in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

Artie served in the 82nd Airborne Division and then married Marguerite Perry in 1971. They were married until her untimely

passing in 2002. In 2006, Artie married Linda Moore, and they moved to Gilmanton.

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He is survived by his children, Charlene Taylor and her husband, Tom, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Amy Moore of Kittery, Maine; Michael and Kristyn Moore of Medford, Massachusetts; and Erin Moore and Jeff Jahn of Boscawen. He leaves his sisters, Cindy Sussan and her husband Dave, of Midlothian, Virginia; Margo Richards and her husband Henry, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island; and Marjorie Kempton, of Wrentham, Massachusetts. He has nine grandchildren - Joel, Katie, Jillian, Aaron, Cory, Razan, Cameron, Aidia and Riley; and four great-grandchildren - Chalee, Elliot, Harper and Talia.

Artie loved and served his community as a firefighter for forty six years, in Wrentham and Gilmanton. He taught the Explorers Program and was passionate about helping his community. You could find Artie visiting the Cape, fishing and hunting with friends, grilling and making s'mores with his grandchildren, and always putting his family first. His laugh, his smile, and his heart of gold will be sorely missed.

There will be a celebration of his life on Friday, March 23, at 1 p.m. at the American Legion in Wrentham, Massachusetts. Later in the spring, a celebration will be planned in Gilmanton at the fire station that he loved so much.

In lieu of flowers, please help our veterans by making a donation to Mission 22 at [www.mission22.com](http://www.mission22.com).