



Maj. Donald L. Nickels, U.S. Army (Ret.)

Donald Leo Nickels, 70, of Moscow, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane.

Don was born on Feb. 23, 1942, in Laquey, Mo., to Albert Lee and Edna Eunice (Coogan) Nickels. He grew up in Missouri, and graduated college from Southwest Missouri State University in 1964, having attended the ROTC program there. Upon graduation, Don was commissioned in the U.S. Army. He proudly served in the Army for more than 20 years. During his military tenure Don was sent to Vietnam twice, where he was awarded two Bronze Stars and received many other medals and citations during his career. He also served in Missouri, Kansas, Germany, Texas, Georgia and Maryland. He retired in 1984.

After retiring, he went on to earn his master's degree in criminal justice at Central Missouri State. The family then moved to Moscow in 1986, where he attended the University of Idaho Law School, earning his JD in 1989. He also became a member of the Idaho State Bar that same year.

He and his wife have been active members in St. Mary's Parish. Whether it was helping Linda with the Moscow Food Bank or keeping the grounds for St. Mary's

Church, Convent and School, Don was always happy to volunteer his time.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jack and his twin brother Ronald.

Don is survived by his wife of 37 years, Linda, and his son, Ronald, of Moscow. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Christie Nickels, of Moscow; his two brothers, Michael (wife Nina) of Falcon, Mo., and Marvin (wife Leslie) of Lansing, Kan.; brothers-in-law Gary Felgenhauer of Rex, Ga., Alan Felgenhauer (wife Shari) of Fruitland, Idaho, and Denis Felgenhauer (wife Judy) of Spokane; sisters-in-law Donna Fabric of Spokane, Rita Johnson of Lewiston, Irma Carlson of Rathdrum, Idaho, and Bonita Felgenhauer of Spokane; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday, July 23, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, also at St. Mary's.

The family suggests memorials be made to the St. Mary's School Foundation.

Short's Funeral Chapel, Moscow, is caring for the family and online condolences may be sent to www.shortsfuneralchapel.com.