



## Gideon C Holmes IV

October 28, 2022

Gideon Conover Holmes IV, On Oct. 28th age 73 of Moorestown, NJ. Gideon was born August 1, 1949 in Northeast Philadelphia. As a youth he was an excellent athlete and well-liked classmate. On his 17th birthday he enlisted voluntarily to the army and was later assigned to the 101st Airborne division and was deployed to Vietnam. While serving he was awarded the bronze star and purple heart.

After returning home there was a considerable adjustment to the realities of how his mind and body healed after his experiences abroad. In spite of the challenges, every one of his nephews loved him dearly and he was a steadfast loyal friend and family member- excellent at staying in touch regularly. His caregivers and just about anyone who regularly crossed his path would all comment on the impact of his thoughtful and enthusiastic greetings or chats. He was known for his quick wit and keen powers of observation. Gideon's happiest moments often involved the ocean. He also loved board and card games. He was a foodie and found much joy in a good cup of coffee. He is survived by his sister Eloise who was a constant champion and closest friend. He will be forever remembered in the hearts and stories of his nephews, family and friends.

A service of interment and honors and will be held November 17th at 1 pm at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 350 Province Line Rd. Wrightstown, NJ 08562.

In lieu of flowers we are requesting any gifts be made as a donation in his

name to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. <https://phsonline.org/support-phs/target-your-impact/donate>

# Cemetery Details

## Brigadier General William C. Doyle veterans Memorial Cemetery

350 Providence Line Rd  
Wrightstown, NJ 08562  
<http://www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/doyle.html>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gideon C Holmes IV*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Gideon was my cousin. Our families lived on the same street in our Philly neighborhood. He was six years older than I was, so impressive and a bit of a mystery to me. I remember that he always seemed ready for an adventure and once led me and my sister on a trek across the nearby train tracks, a place we were forbidden to go. The trees and undergrowth seemed menacing. But he knew exactly where the trail would take us. Then he guided us safely back again, my sister and I sworn to secrecy about where we'd been. I was nine, and never felt so bold.*

**Pamela Blittersdorf** - November 18, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *Suzanne Mooney lit a candle in memory of Gideon Holmes*



**Suzanne Salsbury Mooney** - November 15, 2022 at 06:46 PM

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“Gideon was my classmate at Fox Chase Elementary School, Wilson Jr High and Northeast High. He lived just two blocks away. A spirited and bright boy. A handsome teen with stunning blue eyes that always twinkled with life and a little mischief! He was well loved by his Fox Chase Kids friends and we were blessed to know him and be with him at several reunion events. We honor him for his service to our country. He will be very much missed.

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**Suzanne Salsbury Mooney** - November 15, 2022 at 04:52 PM

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“Gideon was a resident where I worked. His great smile sweet presence in the building gave me a warm feeling when he came to see me. His love for Samson his cat warmed my heart everyday. He had difficulties with the box so he would show me how the automatic litter work laughing because it was electric and I forgot to unplug it. Lolol. Gideon would sit on the front porch all the time enjoying his cigarettes and always had a big “Hi Bev” when I pulled up to work and a big “Are you working tomorrow”? When I left work. My brother 75 years old today was also a Vietnam Vet, which Gideon and I shared talks about my brother. His sister Eloise stood by him always and Gideon loved her so much as I do my brother. We weathered Covid together trying not to but Gideon would tell “I’ve been through worse Bev”. His free spirit and carefree soul touched my heart. Gideon is truly missed but he holds a place in my heart forever. I salute you my friend until we meet again. Bev

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**Bev Minaeff** - November 15, 2022 at 04:40 PM