



## Col. (Ret) Jarold L. (Jerrie) Hutchison

June 26, 1934 - March 23, 2017

Col. (Ret) Jarold L. (Jerrie) Hutchison, 82, of Malone, passed on to a better life on March 23, 2017 in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Born in Canon City, Colorado, Jerrie was the son of Claude and Gladys Walcott Hutchison. He grew up in Canon City and started working early. He loved to tell stories of his adventures delivering the Denver Post newspaper. As a young boy, he earned two cents for every paper he sold! He graduated from Canon City High School in 1952. Jerrie was an honor student, president of the senior class, and Commander of the ROTC Battalion. He played varsity football and basketball.

He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point that summer. In his senior year he commanded the Second Regiment of the Corps of Cadets. He graduated in June 1956 and began his Army career which would last for twenty-four years.

On December 29, 1956, he married Joan M. Kress at Holy Trinity Chapel, West Point, NY. She survives, along with their five children, Carolyn of Chapel Hill, NC, Steven and his wife, Susan of Springfield, VA, Mark and Laura of North Easton, MA, Brian and Susan Johnson of Winston Salem, NC and Michael and Jacqueline of Round Rock, TX; thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews whom he loved. His brother, James B. Hutchison predeceased him.

Jerrie proudly served in the US Army. His assignments took him to Germany, the Panama Canal Zone, and eight states. He served two tours in Vietnam

and was awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for gallantry in action. He received other medals and awards throughout his career. While in the Army, he earned two master's degrees, one in physical education and the other in counseling.

He retired from the Army in 1980 but went right back to work as the business manager of a law firm in Boston. After two years there, Jerrie joined the electronics industry as a program manager, working there for the next eighteen years. Retiring again in 2001, he and his wife moved to Malone. Jerrie loved to read, work Sudoku puzzles, and do yard work, but what he enjoyed most was running. He was an avid runner well into his seventies. He completed nine marathons. Often he could be seen running on the streets of Malone, carrying a plastic bag into which he deposited trash he picked up along the way, doing his part to keep the village beautiful.

He was truly an officer and a gentleman – a gentle man who loved his family and was extremely proud of all of them. He is running now on streets paved in gold.

There are no calling hours. We invite you to celebrate his life at a funeral mass which will be held at St. Helen's Church, Chasm Falls on May 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery on the Lake Titus Road immediately following.

## Cemetery Details

### St. Joseph's Cemetery

Lake Titus Road  
Malone, NY

## Previous Events

### Service

MAY **26.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Helen's Church  
755 County Route 41  
Chasm Falls, NY 12953

# Tribute Wall



“ Col Hutchison was my battalion commander in Vietnam. He was a gifted leader and mentor. I learned much from him that was valuable throughout my military and civilian careers; and in life. He was thoughtful and kind; but also demanding and mission focused. I remember him fondly. RIP, Sir.

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**Jim Hartz** - May 28, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Col. (Ret) Jarold L. (Jerrie) Hutchison.



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