



Charles C. "Roach" Hicks Sr.



HUDSON FALLS — Charles C. "Roach" Hicks Sr., 66, of Quarry Crossing, passed away unexpectedly Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, at his home. Born Nov. 7, 1946, in Lebanon, N.H., he was the son of the late William and Grace (Stimets) Hicks. He graduated from Hanover High School in New Hampshire, continued his education at Castleton State College in Vermont and then attended Adirondack Community College. While attending Castleton State College, Charles met his future wife, Nancy Chickering. They were married June 6, 1970, in Bradford, Vermont. Charles will be best remembered for his service to his country. He enlisted in Airborne, Infantry, in February 1966, during the Vietnam War.

Charles went to Basic,

A.I.T., Jump School and then to the 173rd as a private first class. He arrived R.V.N. on Sept. 6, 1966. Charles was sent to Cam Rahn Bay for temporary duty for 30 or so days. He was held at Brigade Headquarters Company A Admin as a P.X. clerk for a while, until he finally got his wish to go to B Company 1/503, where he served with the 1st Platoon and Company Headquarters as Forward

Supply. Charles was wounded March 11, 1967. He initiated the action in defense on their perimeter of an estimated battalion of N.V. Regulars. After he was hospitalized, he returned to B 1/503 and Doc from June 1966 to September 1967. He was then reassigned to the 82nd 3rd Brigade and deployed with them in 1968 back to Nam. Finally, in January 1969, he was discharged with no interest in re-enlistment. He had many jobs and traveled



most of the United States. He was a patch holder of The Jury Motorcycle Club for more than 25 years. He was employed by the New York State Department of Corrections at Great Meadows Correctional Facility as a clerk. At one time, he owned and operated a propane gas company, Action Gasers, in Argyle. Charles was hard-loving, fast-living and a dauntless defender of integrity. He obtained two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star with Valor and no Good Conduct Medal!



Charles belonged to several organizations, including the following: Disabled American Veterans, Hudson Falls American Legion Post No. 574, Glens Falls VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of Purple Heart, 173rd Airborne Brigade Association, 82nd Airborne Division Association, Combat Infantryman's Association and The Jury Motorcycle Club. Survivors include his tolerant and loving wife of 43 years, Nancy (Chickering) Hicks of Hudson Falls; his children, Crystal Hay and her husband, Dean, of Pennsylvania, Heidi McCauliffe and her husband, Jason, of Salem, Charles C. Hicks Jr. and his wife, Huimin, of Loudonville and Robert B. Hicks and his wife, Robin, of Queensbury; his grandchildren, Caleb and Gabriel Hay, Sarah, Kayla and Jenna McCauliffe and Clark Hicks; his brother, William Hicks and his wife, Dianna, of Panama; his sisters, Linda Simbartl and her husband, Karel, of Ohio, and Susan Leonard of Florida; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

