



# Ronald Leroy “Ronnie” Hinkel

Ronald Leroy “Ronnie” Hinkel, 72, of Stuyvesant, NY, passed away on Friday, September 20, 2019, surrounded by his family and friends, after a battle with cancer. Ronnie was born in Hudson, NY, on July 5, 1947. He was the son of Anita (Sweet) Hinkel and the late Floyd Hinkel. Ronnie is survived by his mother; four sisters, Jeanne, Diana, Susan, and Debbie; three daughters, Kristin and Libby Hinkel, and Danielle Martin; four grandchildren, Christian Hall, Ayden Hinkel-Newkirk, and Breonna and Cody Libby; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his wife, Christine (Baker); stepson, Michael and granddaughter, Genevieve Christaldi. Ronnie was a United States Navy Vietnam veteran and was a member of the Stuyvesant Falls VFW Post 9593, where he served as a past commander. Ronnie's real joy was riding his bike and being a member of the East Coast Riders, where he held the title of Road Captain. One of his favorite events in the East Coast Riders was playing the role of Santa. Ronnie also loved spending time at Stewarts, which he called his “office”, where he sat with his friends and “solved the world's problems”. From the time he was a child, Ronnie had a special love for cars. There were many times he would go to work in one car and come home in another. He loved life and loved spending time with family and friends telling jokes and stories from his younger years. The family would like to thank the East Coast Riders and his many friends for their support and the love they provided to Ronnie and his family during his illness. They would also like to thank the staff at Dana Farber Cancer Institute for their kindness and extraordinary care especially his doctor, Nadine; his favorite PA, Kathlene; and his nurse, Katie.



