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Lawrence Neil Folkers, beloved father, grandfather, and man of faith, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2026, with his family by his side. He was born on June 6, 1946, in Reedley, California, to Lawrence E. and Vivian Folkers.

Neil proudly served aboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63) in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, a service that reflected and reinforced his lifelong sense of duty, integrity, and quiet strength.

A man anchored in faith, Neil placed his trust fully in his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. His faith guided how he worked, loved, and lived. He was steadfast and sincere throughout every season of life.

Neil lived in Reedley, CA, Grand Junction, CO, San Diego, CA and Zeeland, MI. He worked as a car salesman, master craftsman, and finally Over the road Truck Driver where he was known for his strong work ethic and craftsmanship. He was a master woodworker, a lover of the outdoors, and found joy in simple moments; camping trips, beach days, campfires, and meals shared with family.

Known for his kindness, humor, generosity, and legendary appetite, Neil had a gift for making people feel welcome and valued. He believed deeply in family, fellowship, and living life fully.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence E. and Vivian Folkers, and his sisters, Bonnie and Jane.

He is survived by his sister Lela, two sons, Lincoln (Leslie) Folkers and Eric (Erica) Folkers; his grandchildren, Lincoln Jr. (Casey) Folkers, Darrion (Dain) Lewis, Josh (Lizzy) Folkers, Bella (Gavin) Brouwer, Caden Folkers, Gracie Folkers, and Ethan Folkers; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00 pm, Monday, January 26, 2026, at The Foundry Church in Zeeland, Michigan. The service will be livestreamed, going live at 4:50 PM EST, and may be viewed at: <https://foundrychurchzm.online.church/>

Neil's legacy lives on through his family, his faith, and the many lives he touched.

Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 26. 5:00 PM (ET)

The Foundry Church
425 100th Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Military Honors

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Josh and Maria Beyrle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Neil Folkers.

Josh and Maria Beyrle - January 26 at 10:37 AM

JB

“ Josh and Maria Beyrle purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lawrence Neil Folkers.



Josh and Maria Beyrle - January 26 at 10:37 AM

BS

“ I had the great pleasure several years back of being around Neil for 3 months or so. What a great blessing it was. I had lost my father several years before I had met Neil and he immediately reminded me of my dad. Raising several children, being in the military, moving around quite a bit, loving the outdoors all of these just like my dad. Neil had strong opinions and he wasn't afraid to share them with me just like my dad ! He had some funny sayings and great one liners just like my dad ! Neil was a man's man just like my dad ! Rest in peace my friend. Eric thank you for lending me your dad for 3 months he was just what I needed, what a blessing !

Brian Smith - January 25 at 05:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Neil Folkers.*



January 25 at 04:17 PM



“ *Jennifer Prefontaine purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Lawrence Neil Folkers.*



Jennifer Prefontaine - January 22 at 05:55 PM



“ *Kurt and Amy Glupker purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lawrence Neil Folkers.*



Kurt and Amy Glupker - January 22 at 04:14 PM



“ *Steve & Rhonda Sanderson, Ron & Judy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Neil Folkers.*

Steve & Rhonda Sanderson, Ron & Judy - January 21 at 11:45 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Neil Folkers.*



January 21 at 11:45 AM



“ *Parr Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Neil Folkers.*



Parr Family - January 21 at 08:25 AM



“ *From The Hamstra Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lawrence Neil Folkers.*



From The Hamstra Family - January 21 at 08:05 AM



“ *From The Hamstra Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Neil Folkers.*

From The Hamstra Family - January 21 at 08:05 AM