



# Harold P. "Sonny" Nowlon

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**H**arold P. Nowlon passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, September 18th, 2021.

Harold was born in Manhattan, NY to his parents William and Agnes Nowlon. In his early twenties, he would join the United States Army where he would serve in two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. While in the Army, he would become a Green Berets and work under the 82nd and 101st airborne division. Harold would complete nine years of military service.

Harold is predeceased by his loving wife, Linda J. Nowlon, to whom he shared 45 years of marriage. He is survived by his brother, Bill Nowlon and his sister-in-law, Kathy, his son; Vincent Ten, and his two nephews; Billy Jr and Jason, his niece; Denise, his grand-nieces; Ezra, Sarah, Meghan, and his grand-nephew; Jayden. Harold will be buried at Moravian Cemetery in Staten Island, NY.




# Events

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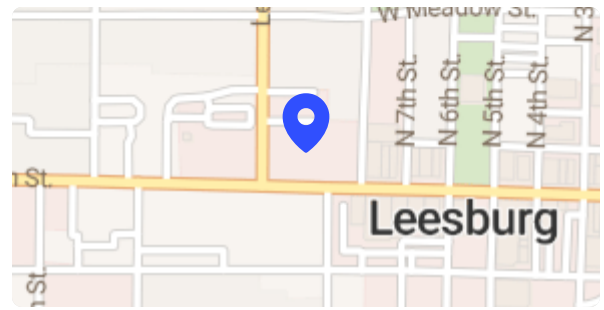
## Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, September 21, 2021

 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM ET

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914 West Main Street, Leesburg FL 34748





## Tribute Wall

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BK

**Bruce Kamei** posted:

What an incredible person. Always helping people. I really miss those long talks with him at work. The amount of experience he had was amazing, and I learned a lot from him. Most of all, he was a wonderful human being. Bruce Kamei

October 15 at 1:56 PM

TL

**Ted Long** posted:

Farewell Sonny, my old Friend. We became very good friends almost instantly and shared fun times during weekend excursions on a regular basis. Please accept my deepest sympathy Bill. You will be missed Sonny.

September 22 at 5:54 AM

SW

**Steven Wojtak** posted:

Our deepest sympathies to the Nowlon family. Sonny was a wonderful man who always had great stories to tell about his time in the military and about life. He was a true friend who could never do enough to help or give advice. He was also a fellow Special Agent at INS in Los Angeles and was a partner who you could depend on to always back you up--I trusted him with my life.

September 21 at 2:43 PM

FW

**From Steve, Josephine, And Ben Wojtak** sent a White Standing Spray to the Nowlon family.



September 21 at 2:36 PM

EH

**Ernie Hodge** posted:

Rest in Peace my VietNam Veteran Brother.

September 21 at 2:16 PM



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**Jan Ritter** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our deepest sympathies and sincerest condolences to the Nowlon family. Sonny was truly a one-of-a-kind. We had the pleasure of knowing Sonny and Linda since their time in Northern Virginia. That friendship continued through their move to California and retirement in Florida. We also had the enjoyment of working with Sonny during the writing of Breaking Tecumseh's Curse. He is prominently featured in the U.S. Park Police chapters. Sonny and Linda were true friends you could count on. Their lives were a great testament to their love and the Golden Rule. They are now reunited in spirit for eternity. Until we meet again, rest in peace our dear friends! Jan Marie and Bob Ritter



September 20 at 9:50 AM



**Jason Ragar** posted:

Thank you Sonny for your service to the country the club but most of all your friendship. Jason Ragar.

September 20 at 9:57 PM



**Robert Martin** lit a candle in honor of Harold.

Our Condolences to Billy Nowlon & Your Family, May you find some comfort together during your time of loss. In memory to our dear friend "Sonny", to whom we shall be remembered as a "Kind" man. God Bless, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin



September 20 at 4:31 PM



**Eustis Gun Club Membership** sent a Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Nowlon family.



September 20 at 10:57 AM



EC

**Eustis Gun Club** posted:

In loving memory of an amazing Man, Visionary, and Mentor Harold P. Nowlon 'Sonny' Harold P. (Sonny) Nowlon joined the Eustis Gun Club on March 1, 2004, and enjoyed a multitude of shooting disciplines for the next five years. Early in 2010 it was becoming apparent to him that something was not quite right with the management and finances of the Club. He began to see discrepancies in the way the incoming funds were handled, noted that the operating officers appeared to be trading positions on a regular basis to maintain control and saw major problems with the many construction projects that had been done and were under construction. It appeared that some members of the Club who tried to interfere with the Officers were dismissed from Club membership without proper procedures. In the fall of that year he decided to run for the Vice President position, and he won. He began questioning the finances and management practices of the Board and was pressured to resign. At the same time his wife of many years was very ill and was soon to pass away. He therefore made the decision to resign. Late in 2012, after a personally very difficult time, Sonny re-emerged at the Club, began shooting and again took up the task of investigating and making known to the members how the Club was being mismanaged. He ran for President and encouraged others whom he thought to be honest to run for other positions. His campaign was based on the fact that this was a "Members Club" and he intended to see that it would be run that way. After a short campaign and the largest turnout of members for a general election in the Club's history he won the election. This was just the beginning of many battles that he fought to save the Club from certain financial and ethical disasters. After restoring the Board of Directors as the governing body of the Club he began his work. Sonny's next challenge arrived when he found out that there was very little money in the treasury. He identified the numerous financial discrepancies, removed offenders and made arrangements to apply for a personal loan to meet payroll. Fortunately, early in the spring, membership renewals started coming in and a loan was not necessary. At the same time an additional challenge emerged. A lawsuit was filed by the owners of the adjacent property in an attempt to close the Club and put it out of business. Response to this took a tremendous amount of time dealing with the Club's lawyer, taking and attending depositions, meeting with County representatives and going to court. Sonny's attention to this problem with experience, knowledge, determination and professionalism was the primary reason he prevailed. The successful conclusion to this attack took two years. Also, at the same time Sonny was confronted with the problems of dealing with the Lake County Planning and Zoning department regarding the illegal activities involved with the construction projects undertaken by the previous Club administration. Building permits were not obtained, construction was not up to code, variances were not applied for and it was extremely difficult to find a contractor who was willing to deal with all these problems. The Club was being fined on a daily basis for these violations. It took Sonny twenty-six months of constant contact with County officials and a generous contractor to finally resolve these problems and mitigate the fines. The Eustis Gun Club, Inc. has emerged from disaster and has become a financially healthy, extremely popular and properly managed Club. This would not have occurred had it not been for Mr. Harold P. (Sonny) Nowlon.

September 20 at 9:50 AM



# Media

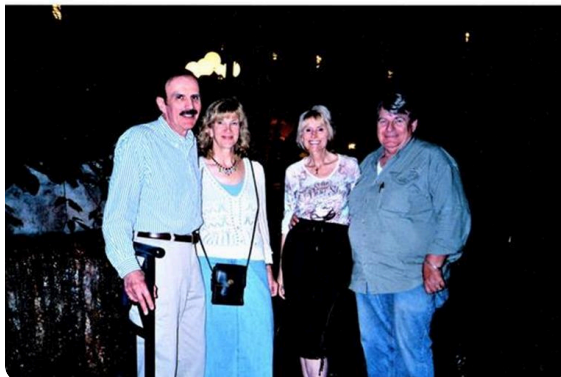
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September 21 at 7:26 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Harold by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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