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**Norman R. Wolfinger(1945 - 2016)**

Norman R. Wolfinger, 70, passed away on January 5, 2016 at his home with his family. Norm was born on September 30, 1945 to Katharine and Norman Wolfinger and raised in Easton, PA. He attended Wilson High School, Class of 1963, before going on to graduate from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL in 1967. Following graduation he fought in the Vietnam War with the US Army until he was seriously wounded. His military service earned him the Purple Heart and the Vietnam Combat Medal. It was during his recovery at home that he met and married his wife of 45 years, Janie Maloney. They moved to Gainesville, FL where Norm graduated from the University Of Florida School Of Law in 1973. They settled in Brevard County where he began what would be a 38-year career in public service, first as an assistant state attorney, then as the Chief Assistant Public Defender, and finally, from 1985 until 2013, as the elected State Attorney for Brevard and Seminole counties. Norm Wolfinger started numerous innovative programs, each designed to reach specific groups of the people he served. He also started one of the first Victim Advocate programs in the state which was recognized nationally for its commitment to victims and survivors. Norm went himself as an advocate to serve in the 9/11 response in New York City. In 2006, the U. S. Department of Justice recognized Wolfinger and his office with the Outstanding Local Prosecutor's Office award. He was selected as the nation's Outstanding Disabled American Veteran in 2007. Norm was awarded the Elected Official of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers-Florida in 2007 and he was inducted into his local high school's Hall of Fame in 2013. Norm retired in 2013 and was known by every person he ever met as a patriot and a great American. He is survived by his wife Janie, their son Rob Wolfinger and daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and two grandsons, Titusville; their daughter Amy Harlan and son-in-law, Bill, West Virginia; and his sisters, Joan Walter (Charles) and Jean Houck, both of Florida. He was predeceased by his sister Claudette Hunt (Richard) of Pennsylvania. Services will be held in Titusville on Jan. 14 and 15. Burial will take place in Arlington Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made in his name to [Disabled American Veterans](#) , Florida Service Foundation, 2015 SW 75th St., Gainesville, FL 32607.

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