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Stephen Weber, Chaplain

Eulogy for Dennis Francis Smigielski, May 16, 2023

Family and friends of : Dennis Francis Smigielski We the Service Officers of Niles Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3579 have come to pay our final tribute of respect to your departed loved one and our friend and comrade Dennis F. Smigielski.

Comrade Dennis F. Smigielski entered into the service of our country on October 7, 1966 to defend, and yes, if need be to die for his country and flag. Comrade Dennis Francis Smigielski is a Vietnam ERA Veteran who served in the United States Army on foreign lands in the European Theater in Germany patrolling the border with East Germany for 1 year 5 months and 20 days. Comrade Dennis Francis Smigielski earned the following medals: the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM), the Sharpshooter Medal (SPS) (Rifle M-14), 2 Overseas Service Bars, and the Cold War Citation. He served his country with distinction and was honorably discharged from the United States Army on September 17, 1968. He fulfilled his 6 year reserve obligation on October 6, 1972. Dennis Francis Smigielski was a life member of the Niles Memorial VFW Post 3579.

He has completed his final mission to his country and flag, and by the grace of God, he has departed from our ranks... Your loved one is now in God's care and may you feel that he is at rest... I am quite sure there have been many times in his life, when in his prayers he said “Thanks God” for the health, strength, and courage, you have given me, so that I was able to defend the flag of my beloved country, and for my family and friends.

!!!Yes!!! That is what this flag that is placed near him represents, a true comrade and a true American, may you always love and cherish his flag, which you will receive from our grateful United States Government. Now our faithful service officers will present our “Buddy Poppy” and will read and present our “Certificate of Remembrance”. Then our chaplain will lead us in prayer. A final salute will be rendered as “Taps” is played.

Niles Memorial VFW Post 3579 proudly provides this VFW eulogy, flag placement and wake service for our members. We gratefully accept donations to our not-for-profit service organization which are used to assist veteran causes.