



Douglas Christie Leitch, 68, of Spruce Head Maine, died Tuesday April 10th at PenBay Medical Center in Rockport Maine. Mr. Leitch, eldest son of Dorothy Christie and John Badger Leitch, was born February 18, 1944 in Andover Mass. He grew up and attended schools in Massachusetts and New Jersey. He was a 1965 graduate of Dartmouth College in Hanover New Hampshire, and in 1973 earned his MA in Education at Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

His call came to protect our country and Mr. Leitch responded. He served his country in the Army from 1968-1974 and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. While serving in Viet Nam, Mr. Leitch was attached to the Signal Corps, AmeriCal division as a Communications Center Specialist, which awarded him a Commendation medal, a Meritorious Service medal and a Campaign medal. Mr. Leitch completed his military support for his country by participating in the SALT TALKS at Frankfurt, Germany, which awarded him a 2nd Commendation medal.

In the later part of his career, Mr. Leitch was involved in Planned Giving for several non-profit and educational facilities, including Maine Medical Center and Dartmouth College. Following his retirement in 2010, Mr. Leitch devoted his time to a lifelong love of gardening, and developed Savage Gardens, a vegetable farm in Prince Edward Island. Douglas Leitch had a love of all things beautiful: hiking, singing, photography, skiing, and gardening. He contributed to two publications – research and text for a chapter in *Passion for Skiing* and photos to a Portland, Maine pictorial.

Mr. Leitch leaves a wife of 5 years, Holly J VanOstrand, daughter Heather Leitch Voisin, of Montpelier VT, son Andrew Leitch of Laconia NH, and two granddaughters. He is also survived by his father, three younger brothers; John Leitch of New Jersey, Peter Leitch of New Hampshire, David Leitch of Massachusetts, and five nieces and nephews. Mr. Leitch was predeceased by his mother.

A memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday May 20th at 10 AM at Rollins Chapel on the Dartmouth campus.

In lieu of flowers, it is asked that donations be made to the Saint George Volunteer Ambulance in remembrance of Douglas. Please send donations to PO Box 249, Tenants Harbor, ME 04860-0131