



Kenneth Lee Burch

Kenneth Lee Burch was born on September 8th, 1946. He was attending Pierce college when he was drafted into the army when he was 20 years old. He decided to enlist as a Marine instead as his father was in the Marines Corps. He trained at Camp Pendleton and after boot camp, he went to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot as an MP. While there, he played in the All-Marine baseball team, The San Diego Marines Devildogs for a year until his deployment to Vietnam. He spent his 21st and 22nd birthdays in Vietnam and was there during the Tet offensive in the 1st Marine Division. After his service in Vietnam, he finished his remaining time in reserves at the Marine Corps Air Station in Tustin (south hangar).

His decorations include Rifle Sharp Shooter, National Defense Ribbon, 2 Vietnamese Ribbons, Good Conduct Medal, 2 Presidential Unit Citations, Combat Action Ribbon and Congressional Award for Service in Vietnam.

After his service, he finished his degree at Long Beach State College and received his special education teaching credentials from Chapman and UCI. He retired from Fairview Developmental Center after 40 years of teaching.

He met Denise Boyer in 1980 and they married in 1986. They have one daughter, Lindsey Pinkham, son-in-law Jacob Pinkham, a beautiful granddaughter, Rylee Pinkham, and a grandson on the way expected in the summer of 2023!

