



# Diego J. Randazzo

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**D**iego J. Randazzo "Randy", 92, of Belleair Beach, FL passed away Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at Bay Pines VAMC.

Diego was born April 19, 1933 in New York City to Luigi and Rosa (Leonardo) Randazzo. Diego dedicated 45 years to serving his country, 30 in the US Army, (CW4) and 15 years as a Foreign liaison officer. He was stationed mainly overseas, in Italy, and proudly served his country in Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment) in the Vietnam War in 1968 - 1969.

He was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC. He received multiple awards and recognitions for service, including, a letter from the President for his 45 years, Meritorious Unit Citation(1OLC), Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (2OLC) and a Bronze Star (1OLC), along with many others.

After Diego retired, he moved back state side in 2000, where he enjoyed his time on the beach. Besides his parents, Diego is preceded in death by his wife, Anna, who passed away in 2003 after 43 years of marriage.

He is survived by son, Marco; daughter, Grazia and 2 grandsons, Michele and Luca. A memorial service will be held at the Bay Pines VAMC at a later date. All Blackhorse Troopers in the Clearwater, Florida area are urged to attend his services.

Rest in peace Randy.



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**Blandin Karabinos** posted:

Garzia and Marco, please accept condolences of the Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry's veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. Your father was a dedicated and hard-charging warrior, one of us, one of our own. He served courageously with the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment in Headquarters Troop of the 3rd Squadron in 1968 and 1969. Many of us were wounded when we learned of his passage As CWO Randazzo will be remembered as an honorable trooper whose very presence brought comfort and support to his fellow troopers. He will be included on the Honor Role of our combat veterans, and honored at our next reunion, as well as other gatherings this coming year. His service highlighted his bravery and valor and was guided with the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and numerous other awards. As grateful Americans we should all pause and salute a man who was willing to put his life on the line for his country. His eulogy so well captures the essence and greatness of a truly loved Blackhorse brother and proud patriot with extended years of faithful service. As our Funeral Mass burial liturgy states: "... his life has not ended, merely changed ..." and as we were together then in Vietnam, we will be together again in the life hereafter, warmly embraced in the arms of our Heavenly Father. Chaplain Bill, 11th ACVVC (Vietnam 71-72)

November 2 at 9:16 PM



**Federico Strumia** posted:

I met Randy a few summers ago through his grandson Luca, who had invited me to spend the summer. From the very first moment, I was struck by his unique personality: that special way of being himself, always genuine. He welcomed me into his home with incredible warmth, making sure I never lacked anything and making me feel truly at home, as if I were part of his own family. During those days, I came to know a man with a big heart and a special energy. He always asked me how I was enjoying my time in the States, what I liked most about being there, and he would lovingly remind me every time to call my parents to invite them one day, so they too could experience the "real American life." This past summer, when Luca and I went to visit him at the hospice, his eyes still carried that same light: full of love, gratitude, and life. That light is what I will always remember: a reflection of the warmth and kindness that defined who he was. Thank you, Randy, for your hospitality, your smile, and for the quiet strength you surely shared with everyone lucky enough to know you.

October 28 at 5:23 PM



**Federico S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diego.



October 28 at 5:01 PM



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**Mike** posted:

I met Randy on December 24th 2024 at the VA CLC rehabilitation center. Outside on the patio we started talking and it came up that we were both in England, we shared stories even though we were there 20 years apart we both had the same memories, amazing. After a short time we became roommates, we talked and Randy told me how and what to do navigating the benefits system which helped me a lot. Once I achieved the benefits I really needed, I never stopped thanking him. Near the end, I would visit him and even though he was asleep I would talk to him, told him I'd miss him and would never forget him or what he did for me. RIP Randy !

October 24 at 5:46 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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