



## Benjamin Thomas Fletcher

November 4, 1949 - December 16, 2020

Benjamin Thomas Fletcher, age 71 of Winter Garden, Florida, went home to our Lord on December 16, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Benjamin was born on November 4, 1949 in Ilion, New York, the son of Benjamin and Clydia (Hosler) Fletcher. He graduated from Ilion High School in 1967 and joined the US Navy. Benjamin proudly served his country aboard the USS America, CVA 66. His dedication to service continued as a firefighter, medic and Herkimer county deputy sheriff. He was a volunteer with the town of Colonie Fire Department and later the Van Hornesville Fire Department. He joined the Ilion Fire Department 1978. Affectionately known as "Fletch" and "Benji" he loved his time in the fire service and went on to retire as Deputy Chief of the Ilion Fire Department. Benjamin was also a New York state fire instructor. He earned numerous awards and certifications throughout his career. After retirement, he relocated to Winter Garden, FL and worked in security. He volunteered with the ESL and special needs ministries at church.

Benjamin touched countless lives and leaves a legacy of Faith, patriotism and service. A beloved Dad, "Ampa" and friend, he will be missed by all.

He is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and John Main, daughter and son-in-law, Tricia and Ken Claiborne, beloved grandchildren, John Charles Main and Ryleigh Ann Claiborne, as well as brother and sister-in-law

John and Bonnie Fletcher, sister Betty Johnson, special friend Karen Kriener and several niece and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held January 9, 2021 in Winter Garden, FL with a firefighter service in the summer of 2021 in New York.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Ben "Fletch" made frequent EMS trips to Mohawk Valley ED. I was always impressed by his professional attitude combined with sincere empathy for all his patients. He was a good man who I am sure had much left to do and more to give. Rest in peace Fletch, you will be missed.  
Janet Campbell

Janet Campbell - December 28, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Thomas Fletcher.



December 28, 2020 at 04:27 PM

LM

“ We first met in the Little Falls NY Fire Station. I was teaching an EMT course he had signed up to take. He came to my attention when there was confusion over his name, using first name on paperwork but buddies calling him by his middle name. The explanation, same situation as I had, known by middle name. Too much history to put here but we both end up, still friends in Florida with many parallels in our lives. Law enforcement, Fire Service and EMS and proud veterans. I had the honor of traveling with him literally and figuratively. On his last journey he displayed the same strength I had witnessed before. Save me a place next to you Fletch, we have more stories to share.

Leo "Tom" Murphy - December 26, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JF

“ Tom or “ wubber” as Dad so affectionately called him will certainly be missed... as a brother growing up we had the usual spats but I certainly couldn't have asked for a better brother. Serving together for a year on the same ship was the best. Rest In Peace brother.. love ya!

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**John A. Fletcher** - December 26, 2020 at 03:58 PM

TC

“ Tricia Claiborne lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Thomas Fletcher



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**Tricia claiborne** - December 26, 2020 at 02:29 PM

TC

“ I love you daddy. You are so very missed. Fly high dad until I see you again. Love bud

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**Tricia claiborne** - December 26, 2020 at 02:28 PM