

# Benjamin Anker Young

Born: 2/17/1949

Died: 9/6/2012

Period of Service: Viet Nam

Sources: Family memorial,  
Lorel Gordon

Entered service April, 1969, Discharged 1972.

His parents were Clifford Young and Betty Greenfeldt, who were married on 5/14/1942. His wife was Kathleen McCarthy, and sons are Geoffrey and Christopher, and sisters Jennifer (Inscoc) and Lorel (Butch) Gordon.

He graduated from Island high school in 1967 and served in the Army at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska as a cook. He assisted in preparing meals for General Westmoreland who stopped at Ft Wainwright on his trips back and forth between Viet Nam and Washington DC.

After service, Ben graduated from Florida International University with honors, and spent 22 years with Fisher scientific in North Hampton NH where he raised two sons.

After retiring in 2006 he moved back to the Island. While in New Hampshire he began collecting wines, amassed a "boutique wine portfolio", and designed wine cellars for collectors and selected wines for collectors along the East Coast. A wine that he purchased, a 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay was recorked in a ceremony at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in 2006, the most famous California wine which won first place over French wines in a "judgment of Paris tasting in 1976 that revolutionized the world's perception of American wines. Ben's other loves included forestry, gardening, and messing with his old trucks.

