

Jon Gordon Fisher, COL, USA, Ret

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Jon Fisher was born April 27, 1943 and grew up in Dearborn, Michigan. He worked for Ford Motor Company while getting his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from Wayne State in Detroit.

Jon enlisted in the Army in 1968, went to infantry OCS, and served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He met his wife Karla while he was serving with the Chemical Corps at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, and she was a student in the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing. They were married in April of 1970 and welcomed daughter Tracy in November of 1971.

Jon and his family were stationed at Fort McClellan near Anniston, Alabama and then at Savannah Army Depot near the Quad Cities of Iowa. Jon served in the Chemical Corps until 1974, when the Army sent him to dental school at the University of Detroit. He did his dental residency at Fort Gordon and then served at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

The Army sent Jon to a pediatric dental residency from 1982-1984 in Kansas City, and he practiced pediatric dentistry in the Army until his military retirement in 1995. He served at Robinson Barracks near Stuttgart, Germany; Fort Bliss in El Paso; and, finally, returned to Walter Reed, where he was the chief of the Pediatric Dentistry section of the dental clinic.

Jon was a dentist in private practice until 1999, when he enrolled in Wayne State Law School. He graduated with a law degree in 2002. He was a juvenile public defender in Detroit until 2014, when he retired and moved with his wife Karla (and dog Scout) to the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Jon had many different hobbies, including running marathons, riding bicycles, flying model airplanes, camping, and collecting model trains. He was a good teller of stories and jokes. Jon was a good man who always went out of his way to help others.