



William Glen Briggs

April 17, 2019

William (Bill) Glen Briggs, 73, lost his battle with COPD on April 17, 2019, which he so valiantly struggled with the past few years. He was born July 4, 1945, in Galesburg, Illinois, to Charles D. Briggs and Shirley Huggins Briggs, and resided in Maquon, Illinois. He graduated in 1963 from Spoon River Valley High School, Fairview, Illinois. He received an Associate of Applied Science in General Management from El Paso Community College, El Paso, Texas, in 1986.

Bill served in the U.S. Army from November 15, 1965 to January 26, 1971 and from February 28, 1972 to retirement on August 31, 1992. His most notable assignment was on the East/West German Border from 1986 - 1991. During that time, he was First Sergeant of I Troop, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Bad Hersfeld, West Germany. He was promoted to Command Sergeant Major in 1987, and he served with Combat Support Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda, West Germany and with 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Bad Hersfeld, West Germany, when the Iron Curtain fell from Communist control on November 9, 1989. He retired August 31, 1992 and resided in Brandenburg, Kentucky, until May 2002, when they moved to the Rio Grande Valley, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Billie Jean Briggs Nau; his sister, Janet Briggs Wallick; and his brother, Charles (Sonny) Briggs.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda Lashbrook Cadwell Briggs; a son, William Briggs II (Sara) of Nicholasville, Kentucky, a step-daughter; Cynthia Cadwell Comins (Matthew), Waterford, Michigan; and a step-son, Sergeant First Class (Retired) Richard Cadwell (Amanda), Brandenburg, Kentucky; his brothers, James Briggs, Severns, Maryland, and Judson Briggs, Green Valley, Arizona; 12 grandchildren, and 8 great- grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm, on Friday, May 3, 2019, at the Rio Grande Valley State Veteran's Cemetery with a Celebration of Life to follow at Brook Ridge Retirement Community.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Comfort House, 617 W. Dallas Avenue McAllen, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 South Inspiration Road
Mission, TX 78572

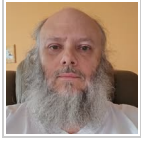
Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I served under him in the 11th ACR in fulda. I remember his deep booming voice during our Friday regimental runs.*

Patrick Helton - January 20, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ *William Glen Briggs*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *William Glen Briggs*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *I first met Bill & Linda at church. I was newly divorced and felt so out of place. Bill and Linda came to my rescue, inviting me to their beautiful log home at the lake. Bill had such a passion for helping others and sharing his love of the Lord. I am a better Christian having known Mr Bill. I will miss his straight forward rants on politics. What a blessing!*

Sharon Jones - May 01, 2019 at 08:37 PM

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“ I met Bill, Linda and Brandi when me, Matt and Brandon Rustin were the first to respond after we witnessed their crash on the Glenn Highway Alaska. Many Alaskan's stopped that day to help. It was tragic that their Alaskan vacation was ruined by this accident. We took Brandi to the animal hospital in Palmer, Alaska for treatment and she is a special dog that I know misses her daddy. Bill and I have communicated through Facebook messenger on a regular basis and think a lot about the same things. I will miss his messages but know that he is with the Lord Savior and in no more pain. Rest in Peace brother.

Greg Parrish - April 30, 2019 at 11:23 AM

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Bill was a high school classmate that lost track of until our class reunion many years ago. I called him our modern day Job. He bore his medical problems with grace and always praised the Lord. He's in good hands now.

Dennis Shewell - April 30, 2019 at 03:55 PM