



Delbert Watson

January 22, 1942 - April 30, 2012

MSG (Ret) Delbert Watson was born January 22, 1942 in East St. Louis, Illinois. He passed away Monday, April 30, 2012 in the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He had attained the age of 70 years, 3 months and 8 days.

Delbert grew up in Chicago and attended Robert S. Abbott Grade School and attended Dunbar High School.

In 1963, Delbert entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement. In his early military career, he spent time in Vietnam and in 1968 became a Drill Sergeant. He served in this capacity for 14 years and spent the remainder of his service time in other positions. By the end of his career, he had attained the rank of Master Sergeant. For his faithful service he earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Mechanic Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon – 3, Army Commendation Medal – 2, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal – 8, Vietnam Service Medal – 5, Air Medal – 16, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (Unit), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon – 1, Marksman Qualification Badge M-16 Rifle and Meritorious Service Medal.

On June 1, 1963 in Chicago, Illinois, Delbert married the love of his life, Susie Young. They shared over 48 years of marriage together and were blessed with two sons, Kevin and Darrell.

In his spare time, Delbert enjoyed being outdoors. You could find him either fishing or working in his garden. He was a very particular person when it came to his vehicles and you could also find him washing them on a regular basis. Delbert was also very talented with his hands and he enjoyed working in his craft shop and was always coming up with new ideas for home improvements. He also enjoyed motorcycles.

Delbert was a member of the Van and Truck Club and participated in many parades and other events with them. He was a very giving person and enjoyed helping with the Easter Egg hunts for the children and also made sure that the needy had food especially during the holidays. He will certainly be missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Delbert leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Susie Watson of the home; two sons: Kevin Watson of St. Louis, MO and Darrell Watson (Nancy McDonald) of Kansas City, KS; one sister: Patricia Ann Ware of Chicago, IL; six grandchildren: Marcus Blankenship, Amber Blankenship, Natosha Watson, Keisha Watson, Marketa Harris and Kaitlyn Anderson; one niece: Brenda; one nephew: Johnny; other relatives and friends.

Delbert was preceded in death by his mother Evelyn Hart and one brother, William Earl Harper.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon, Friday, May 4, 2012 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Delbert's brother-in-law, Joe Young officiating. The songs "Jordan River" performed by Shirley Casear and "Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There" performed by Jennifer Hudson were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Fort Leonard Wood. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood.

Comments



“ You and your family are in my prayers. Remeber the fun times.

God saw that he was getting tired, and his time not long to be.

So he put his arms aruond him and whispered, "come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him fade away.

Although we couldn't bear to lose him we could not bid him stay.

A golden hear stopped beating, hard working hands laid to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Aurhor unknown.

Lisa Kudrick - May 03, 2012 at 07:28 PM



“ Mrs. Watson and Darrell~

I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad's smile will always be in my mind, and the laughs that we had as Darrell and I grew up.

My thoughts and Prayers are with you.

Anggie

Anngela Robinson (Richardson) - May 03, 2012 at 05:27 PM



“ Susie,

Read of Delbert's death in the Springfield newspaper this morning. So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful, kind man he was. David has many fond military memories that he shared with Delbert. Please know that you'll be in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

David and Susan

David & Susan Martin - May 03, 2012 at 09:00 AM



“ Susie,

You have my deepest sympathy; may God bless you, Kevin, and Darrell; Dell and I go way back.

Again, may God keep you in his care.

Dell's Cousin,
Joan

Joan Shanklin Johnson - May 02, 2012 at 10:24 PM



“ Ms Susie so sorry for your loss.

linda schonbok - May 02, 2012 at 05:08 PM



“ I have very fond memories of my Uncle Dell. He was someone I looked up to and admired from an early age.
My deepest condolence to Susie, Kevin and Darrell; and to the rest of the family.

Love,
Brenda

Brenda Harper - May 02, 2012 at 12:42 PM



“ "Rest in Peace, Uncle Dell...Go with God"...To: Susie, Kevin, and Darrell - Karen and my prayers are with you...

Your Loving Nephew,
Johnny (Karen)

Johnny J. Harper - May 02, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ Darrell,

You and your family are in my prayers. I am very sorry for your loss. God bless you during this difficult time.

Mary Johnson - May 02, 2012 at 11:41 AM