



## SFC (Ret) Arthur Spruill

June 8, 1944 - October 13, 2022

SFC (Ret) Arthur Spruill, 78, of Saint Robert, Missouri, went home to be with his Lord on Thursday October 13, 2022 at 4:15am. A courageous warrior to the end, after demonstrating incredible endurance and fortitude, his final heartbeat was at 4:19am. His final hours were at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital. His last spoken word was 'Hallelujah.'

On Thursday June 8, 1944, two days after D-day, the largest sea invasion of the Battle of Normandy, God fittingly introduced Arthur Spruill to the world. Entrusted to the tender care of his mother Lucy Spruill and father Jessie Spruill, of Ahoskie, North Carolina.

As one can imagine with 12 siblings, his childhood was filled with love and mischief.

He withdrew from school after the 8th grade to help support his family.

In his early adulthood, Arthur moved from Ahoskie to Boston, Massachusetts, and eventually enlisted into the military, ultimately serving his country for 25 years with the United States Army. He served in Hawk Missiles, and eventually as a Chaplain's Assistant.

It was during his first tour of duty in South Korea that he would meet the love of his life, Kyong Won Kim. Before his tour ended, he asked for her hand in marriage, but knowing that most GI's do not get a second tour to Korea, she said she would only if he returned. Much to her surprise (and perhaps

dismay), he made it happen. They were united in marriage on December 6, 1972. To this blessed union came his only son, Arthur Jonah, and daughter, J-Pia.

After retirement as a US Army Sergeant First Class in 1992, Arthur and his family settled in Saint Robert, Missouri. To pursue his passion for the study of God, he attended Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri graduating with a degree in Preaching and Evangelism in 1994. He spent many years as a member of Rolla Assembly of God, Rolla, Missouri, and then Saint James Assembly of God, St. James, Missouri.

Arthur was preceded in death by both his mother and father; brothers Lee Earnest, Walter, James, Jessie Jr., and David Spruill.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories, his wife Kyong Won; son Arthur J Spruill; daughter J-Pia (Jesse); granddaughter Naomi Grace; and grandson Elijah Daniel.

Additional survivors include his sisters in order of age: Beulah Lassiter, Mattie Peele, Bernadine Thornton, and Elaine Taylor; and brothers in order of age Steve, Thomas, and his beloved baby brother Jerry Spruill; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Arthur Spruill professed a personal relationship with Jesus and desired more than anything, for others to know the goodness of who He is. He was arms open to anyone who crossed his path, and did not know a stranger, often starting a random conversation with anyone and everyone. Music was a natural means of expression, as he tinkered on the piano, and always kept his guitar close by. And if he did not have this, all he needed was the depth of his rich melodic baritone voice. He was so grateful for each and every day that he was blessed with, approaching every day with zeal. There was no such thing

as a boring or mundane task - he did all for the glory of He who made him.

How do you sum up this extraordinary life?

He was a man of supernatural strength.

A man of dutiful diligence.

A man of tender heart.

A man of boundless generosity.

But most importantly a man who loved the Lord with every fiber of his being.

Services to honor his appointed time on this earth will be held 12:00pm Friday October 21, 2022 at Westside Baptist Church, Waynesville, MO, officiated by Pastor Mick Thrasher of Saint James Assembly of God.

Arrangements are under the care of Waynesville Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Burial will follow, 2:00pm, at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, with military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM.

Westside Baptist Church Of Waynesville

## Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM.

Westside Baptist Church Of Waynesville

# Tribute Wall



“ *SFC (Ret) Arthur Spruill*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *He was my Grandfather and I love him very much. I have very many happy memories with him and now we share this tragic event of him going up with the Lord his God.*

**elijah** - November 08, 2022 at 08:57 AM



“ *Arthur was considered one of the members of the Ballance family. He was our brother. We look forward to him coming to our annual family reunions and playing his guitar. He will be missed.*

**Mary Green** - October 20, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ *CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of Arthur Spruill*



**CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson** - October 19, 2022 at 04:13 PM

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“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Arthur Spruill*



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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - October 19, 2022 at 04:13 PM

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“ *He always had some good and kind words for us. Our Condolence. The Lastrapes Family*



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**Lastrapes** - October 19, 2022 at 02:46 PM

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“ *Emma brooks lit a candle in memory of Arthur Spruill*



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**Emma brooks** - October 18, 2022 at 03:42 PM