



SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet

July 16, 1950 - June 2, 2018

SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet, son of the late Richard J. and Marilyn K. (Cervinka) Van Vleet, was born July 16, 1950 in Chicago, Illinois. As a young boy, David and his family moved to Ohio and he grew up in Withamsville and graduated from Amelia High School.

Shortly after graduating from high school, David entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement. He had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations. He was stationed in Germany, Ft. Hood, TX, Korea and at the time of his retirement he was at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri where he remained. He continued serving his country as a civil service employee at the commissary on Fort Leonard Wood.

On July 23, 2004, David was united in marriage to Christel K. (Erhardt) Rodriguez and upon this union, two families were joined. They shared four children: Richard, Johnny, Angela and Brian.

In his spare time, David enjoyed being outdoors while fishing, but his greatest enjoyment came in spending time with his wife, children and especially his grandchildren. They were the apples of his eye and he was proud of each and every one of them.

David passed away Saturday, June 2, 2018 in the University of Missouri Hospital of Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 67 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

David leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife: Christel Rodriguez of the home; four children: Richard William Van Vleet (Amy) of Round Rock, TX, Johnny Rodriguez (Adriana) of El Paso, TX, Angela Nia Holmes (Walter) of Killeen, TX and Brian Rodriguez (Melissa) of Willits, CA; eleven grandchildren: Samantha, Patrick, Jason, Bryce, David, Tooa, Tony, Christopher, Melissa, Lundyn and Oscar; two great grandchildren: Javen and Marianna; five siblings: Marilyn Richie Hedges (Harold) of Florence, KY, Sally Jo Jones of Batavia, OH, Susan Kay Glos (Gregory) of Franklin, TN, Paul Henry Van Vleet (Margaret) of Cincinnati, OH and Kathy Ann Falcón (Robert) of Cincinnati, OH; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by one brother-in-law: David Jones, Sr.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 7, 2018 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri with military honors being provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of David Van Vleet and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Graveside Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 15, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Beverly South lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet*



Beverly South - July 13, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ *It was such a pleasure knowing you David and working with you. I hope you are at peace. Love and prayers to your family. ❤️*



Kathleen Valle - June 16, 2018 at 01:42 AM

ZD

“ SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet thank you for your service, Rest in peace my brother



zi david - June 14, 2018 at 08:03 AM

HH

“ Heather & Tom Harrell lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet



Heather & Tom Harrell - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

JS

“ Jennifer Shrive lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet



Jennifer Shrive - June 06, 2018 at 02:02 PM

MP

“ Mary Pero sent a virtual gift in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet



Mary Pero - June 05, 2018 at 04:06 PM

HF

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of a dear friend. Dave was a good next door neighbor for many years. He was also a co-worker with me. He & Ray are probably planning a fishing trip now . . . or bragging about the last one.
Helen



Helen Dye Fleischer - June 05, 2018 at 01:53 PM

DB

I was so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. He was such a wonderful man and he will be missed by so many. A fellow transporter and friend. Darlene and Bobby Battle

Darlene battle - June 07, 2018 at 12:02 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - June 05, 2018 at 11:21 AM

AL

“ Allen Griffin And Donna Lawrence lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet



Allen Griffin and Donna Lawrence - June 05, 2018 at 09:31 AM

TM

“ We have some fond memories of David (Fleet) from many years ago. We used to do quite a bit of fishing together and at times just visit. One year he came over to the house on Christmas Day dressed as Santa. Our son was so surprised that he ran into a wall. As we all retired from the Army, we got busy with our new lives and new jobs and drifted apart. Jill would see and speak with him every now and then at the commissary and inform me of how he was doing. Fleet will be missed in our hearts until we someday see him again in a better place.

Tony Mellroy - June 05, 2018 at 09:23 AM

TM

“ Tony & Jill Mellroy lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet



Tony & Jill Mellroy - June 05, 2018 at 09:04 AM

 Joe Krill

“ Joe Krill lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet



Joe Krill - June 05, 2018 at 07:34 AM

FC

Our sincere condolences for your loss of a great friend. We will continue to pray for you and the Van Vleet family as you all move forward through this season of bereavement.

Ft Leonard Wood Lions Club - June 05, 2018 at 11:21 AM

DJ

“ *Dave Jones, Jr. lit a candle in memory of SSG
(Ret) David A. Van Vleet*



Dave Jones, Jr. - June 05, 2018 at 04:48 AM

RF

“ *Rick Sapp And Family lit a candle in memory
of SSG (Ret) David A. Van Vleet*



Rick Sapp and Family - June 04, 2018 at 07:34 PM

ER

“ *Elke Rogers lit a candle in memory of SSG
(Ret) David A. Van Vleet*



elke rogers - June 04, 2018 at 12:03 PM