



SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.

February 25, 1957 - April 18, 2021

"Spruce," as he was known, passed away at his home in Richland, Missouri, Sunday, April 18, 2021, having attained the age of 64, with his loving family by his side.

He was born February 25, 1957 to Irvin Brent Sr., and Ethel Cleveland (Harris) Sprucebank in Baltimore, Maryland where he grew up and attended school. However, Spruce was lovingly raised by his Gram, Anne Margaret Showalter who he adored, and her husband, Ralph.

Spruce worked in construction for a short time before joining the US Army in 1978 in Baltimore. He began his military career at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, receiving the Army's Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award) Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award) National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Star (BSS), Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award) Kuwait Liberation Medal (K), Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA), and Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar, before receiving his honorable discharge, retiring in 1998, as an E6 in the 1st Engineer Brigade from Fort Leonard Wood. Spruce served in Desert Storm twice. He enjoyed being an NCO; facilitating open and honest communications within the command, with a goal to ensure that the command

excelled in meeting the Commander's vision and achieving the mission. Spruce was very patriotic and was proud to serve his country in and out of season. He counted his day lost if he couldn't learn something new each day. He was a highly intelligent man.

He served on the Hazelgreen Fire Department, and was a lifetime member of the VFW, DAV, and the American Legion Post 240 of Richland, where he also served as commander. He enjoyed running Bingo, and it was there he met Evalyn Decker.

Spruce and Evalyn later married on December 8, 2002 in Grace Baptist Church of Richland, Missouri by Pastor Rocky Harris. Over the next eighteen years they enjoyed life, love, and laughter together; always being there for one another.

In his spare time, he loved to fish, and work on his computer while listening to classic rock on 102.3. Spruce liked to talk, never meeting a stranger, and could easily strike up a conversation with anyone he'd meet.

He is preceded in death by his father, his beloved Gram, and her husband, Ralph, two granddaughter's, Hannah R. Decker, and Jamie Lynn Decker

"Spruce" leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife, Evalyn Sprucebank of the home; four children, Warren Decker (Kaleese) of Richland, MO, Janice Lucas (Alan) of Cambridge, England, Jacquetha Owens (Craig) of Jacksonville, FL, and Donald Decker (Sarah) of Richland, MO; 11 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; his mother, Ethel Cleveland (Harris) Sprucebank, (state unknown); one brother, George Sprucebank (Cindy) of Baltimore, MD; two sisters, Joan Kerns (Cliff) and Ethel Peapos (Ted) all of Baltimore, MD; one aunt, Joanne Seal (Lester) of Baltimore, MD; several nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and

friends.

Spruce was a kind and wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and dear friend. His memory will continue to bring smiles to the many faces of those he loved, and he will be greatly missed, leaving a void no one can fill.

Services were held at 12:30 P.M., Friday, April 23, 2021, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with United States Army Chaplain CPT Matthew C. Ailstock officiating., friend, Bill Layde also shared a few words. Favorite songs “Amazing Grace,” and “In the Sweet By And By” were played. Escorts were provided by the US Army. Burial with full military honors followed in the Missouri Veteran Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of SSG (Ret) Army Veteran, Irvin “Spruce” Sprucebank, Jr., and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences may be sent to www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 12, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.*



Robin Hobbs - April 26, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ *Florence Buchanan lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.*



Florence Buchanan - April 25, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ 81 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 22, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ Sue Covert lit a candle in memory of SSG
(Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.



Sue Covert - April 21, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ Thresa Holler lit a candle in memory of SSG
(Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.



Thresa Holler - April 21, 2021 at 01:41 AM

JS

“ Evelyn and Family, I am sorry for your loss of your Dear Husband, father and friend. We were neighbors for a couple of years in Buckhorn. He was always there to lend a helping hand. Him and my late husband would talk for hours and they loved to go fishing together and talk about their years of service to America. We have shared lots of laughs together. Irvin was a good man and he will be missed by many. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in the days ahead.

Jerri Shreve - April 20, 2021 at 10:29 PM

JS

“ Jerri Shreve sent a virtual gift in memory of SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.



Jerri Shreve - April 20, 2021 at 10:22 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 20, 2021 at 02:37 PM

SH

“ Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.



Shirley Henry - April 20, 2021 at 12:21 PM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.
Carol & Jerry Gideon



Carol Gideon - April 20, 2021 at 09:52 AM

LS

“ Linda And Bob Schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.



linda and bob schonbok - April 20, 2021 at 08:55 AM

 Vickie Palmer Layde

“ Vickie Palmer Layde lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Irvin "Spruce" Brent Sprucebank Jr.



Vickie Palmer Layde - April 19, 2021 at 10:15 PM