



## 1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy

October 21, 1942 - May 23, 2019

Rayburn Walter Toy, son of the late Raymond Walter and Geneva Olive (Bailey) Toy, was born October 21, 1942 in Kittanning, Pennsylvania. He passed away Thursday, May 23, 2019 in his home in Union, Missouri having attained the age of 76 years.

Rayburn grew up in Kittanning where he went to West Kittanning Elementary School and graduated from Kittanning High School with the Class of 1960.

Shortly after graduation, Rayburn entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement after 22 years of service. While in the military, Rayburn served four tours of duty in Vietnam and was part of the Rome Plow Unit, 31st Engineers Light Brigade, 568 Engineer Company. He was a drill sergeant and at the time of his retirement, he had attained the rank of First Sergeant. For his faithful service, Rayburn earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: De Fleury Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Bars (8), Driver Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal (7), Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

After his retirement from the military, Rayburn continued serving his country as a civil service employee for 18 years. He served as a supervisor in the Chief

Collective Training Division and the Engineer Collective Training Branch.

For several years after his retirement from civil service, Rayburn operated a welding shop out of his home and enjoyed getting to visit with his customers.

On July 3, 1978 in Winchester, Virginia, Rayburn was united in marriage to Donna Lou Simcik. They shared over 40 years of marriage together and six children: Shawn, Brian, Kelly, Molly, John and Kevin.

After retiring from the military and civil service, Rayburn was able to do a lot more of the things he enjoyed. He loved being outdoors watching nature or hunting and fishing. In his younger years during high school, he enjoyed running heavy equipment. Rayburn was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disable American Veterans (DAV) and the Engineer Association. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Rayburn leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Donna Toy of the home; six children: Shawn Toy (Holly Day) of Barnhart, MO, Brian Toy (Ilda Nobrega) of Olathe, KS, Kelly Wright (John) of Hillsboro, MO, Molly Proost (Dan) of Wildwood, MO, John Toy of Bismark, MO and Kevin Chestnut (Melissa) of Fenton, MO; eleven grandchildren: Jacob Toy, Joshua Toy, Kasey Toy, Kelsi Toy, Caleb Toy, Desiree Hartmann (Daniel), Kaitlynn Wright, Connor Wright, Cassidy Proost, Ryan Proost and Aurora Chestnut; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Even though he is gone from our sight, Rayburn's memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Chaplain

(CPT) Ariel Castillo officiating. The songs “Old Rugged Cross”, “In the Garden” and “Amazing Grace” were played. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Rayburn Toy 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

**MAY 28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

**MAY 29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - May 29, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *My mother Deloras Ditty was his aunt and he was my first cousin. My mother has also recently passed away. I have been going through all of the family information that I have trying to preserve it for future generations. Have to say that Rayburn was just too cute as a little boy. I feel bad that for whatever reasons we were not able to keep in touch. over all these years. I remember when he came back from Vietnam he brought me and my sister dolls from Vietnam and Cambodia (I still have them to this day) such a fond memory.*



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**Robin C Ditty** - June 01, 2019 at 02:32 PM

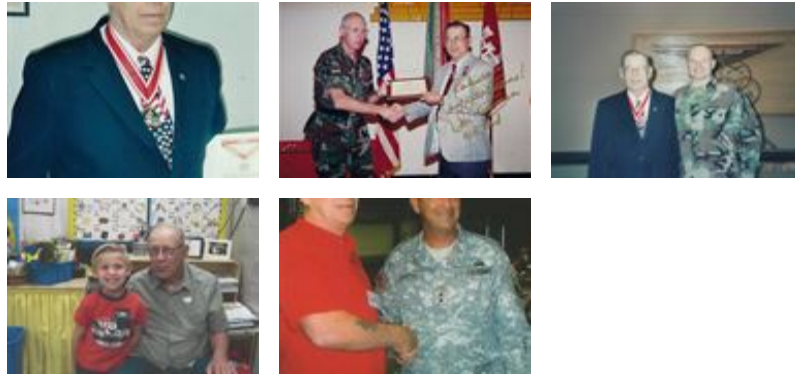
BS

“ Donna and Family, We were so sad to hear of Ray's passing. He was a good husband, father and grandfather and we know you will miss him very much. Thank you for sharing the pictures on this site. It gave us new insight into a man we wished we could have spent more time with. It is hard to be so far away, but we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love you! Brad and Karen Simcik and family.

Brad Simcik - May 31, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 28, 2019 at 01:54 PM

JC

“ Soldier or Civilian, he was excellent at both

John Connors - May 28, 2019 at 09:19 AM

Tom Randle

“ Ray was a man of honor, integrity, and courage. He was very helpful and supportive to me during my term as LandClearers Association Boss. To his wife Donna, and other family and friends, I pray that God will heal the hole in your heart.

Tom Randle - May 27, 2019 at 12:30 PM

GP

“ Rayburn Toy was one of my most respected mentors and a friend for 38 years. I first met Rayburn as the (Head Of The 47th Family) 1SG of the 47th Eng Co, 172nd Inf Bde, Fort Wainwright, Alaska in May 1981. After 10 days of travel in my truck from Missouri my family and I arrived on a Friday. My first memory of 1SG Toy was of him welcoming us and setting us up with temporary housing. He instructed me to get my family situated over the weekend and report to him Monday, I would be taking a squad out by helicopter to fight fire in the tundra for a week, welcome to the 47th! Rayburn was a great leader and a highly respected friend that I will never forget!

Gary Purple - May 26, 2019 at 10:37 AM

JF

“ Jerri Fleschute sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy



Jerri Fleschute - May 25, 2019 at 09:20 PM

JF

Donna and Family I am so sorry about your loss. Praying for Comfort and Peace during this time of sorrow.

Jerri Fleschute - May 25, 2019 at 09:23 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - May 25, 2019 at 07:42 PM

CB

“ *Our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers for family members and beloved friends!*



**CSM (R)Harold and Brigitte Burleson** - May 25, 2019 at 07:41 PM

BL

“ *Bob And Sue Layman lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy*



**Bob and Sue Layman** - May 25, 2019 at 06:34 PM

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“ *Jack Zydonik Class Of 1960 lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy*



**Jack Zydonik Class of 1960** - May 25, 2019 at 02:59 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Wright lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy*



**Patricia Wright** - May 25, 2019 at 01:11 PM

SK

“ *Scott Koprivnak lit a candle in memory of 1SG  
(Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy*



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**scott koprivnak** - May 24, 2019 at 07:53 PM

JS

“ *Ray was always a good guy and good to everyone throughout his  
years growing up and attending high school. I'm sorry to learn of his  
passing. John Shaner*

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**John Shaner** - May 24, 2019 at 07:30 PM

SS

“ *My sincere condolences to Rayburn's family and friends.*

*I remember him most as a really nice guy at Pine Hill School.*

*Sandy Starr  
KHS 1960*

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**Sandra Starr** - May 24, 2019 at 06:14 PM

DS

“ *Rest in peace Rayburn. Your classmates have fond memories of  
your days in good old KHS and we all appreciate your service to the  
country.*

*Dave Schrecengost  
President  
Class of 1960*

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**Dave/Sandy SCHRECENGOST** - May 24, 2019 at 05:52 PM

JC

“ Rayburn was my close buddy from 1st grade through about 7th. I am sorry I never got to meet his family or share a few laughs with him. The country and all who knew him have lost one of the "good guys. John M. Costanzo (Jack).

John M Costanzo - May 24, 2019 at 05:09 PM

DF

“ Denny Fulton lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Rayburn Walter Toy



Denny Fulton - May 24, 2019 at 12:08 PM



I'm very sorry for your loss Kevin, Melissa and the entire family. These times are so very hard. Hopefully the pouring of love and support from friends and family, along with your memories, all brings you some comfort.

Meagan Beckermann - May 24, 2019 at 07:43 PM

CM

My deepest sympathy Donna and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My brother Gary and I were in school with Rayburn from 1st grade at Pine Hill school through graduation.. I always enjoyed talking with him when he was able to attend the reunions. Your friend, Carol Quinn McElhinney

Carol Quinn McElhinney - May 29, 2019 at 05:44 AM