



SSG (Ret) Richard Lynn Pottorff

May 3, 1953 - April 4, 2010

Richard Lynn Pottorff, was born May 3, 1953 in Windsor, Missouri. He attended school in Green Ridge where he graduated in 1971 from Green Ridge High School.

After graduating from high school, Richard enlisted in the United States Army. He served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1992. For his service, he earned several awards and commendations. Some of which include: National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Driver and Mechanic Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal (96th Award), and Expert Qualification Badge M-16 Rifle. He had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. After retiring from the Army, Richard began working on Fort Leonard Wood as a munitions handler.

On August 23, 1974, Richard was united in marriage to Ocha Jin in Seoul, Korea. They shared over 35 years of marriage together and were blessed with two children: Robert and Taressa.

In his spare time, Richard enjoyed nature and being outdoors; whether it was fishing or riding his motorcycle. Most importantly, Richard loved spending time with his family, especially his grandsons Ethan and Scott.

Richard passed away at 1:22 P.M., Sunday, April 4, 2010 as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Hwy 17, 1 mile south of AW in Texas County. He had attained the age of 56 years, 11 months and 1 day. All those that knew and loved him will miss him greatly.

Richard leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Ocha; two children: SGT Robert Pottorff stationed at Ft. Drum, New York; Taressa Frencling (Craig) of Dyer, Indiana; four sisters: Lois Honeycutt of Windsor, MO, Linda Schutte of Cole Camp, MO, Carol Beckham of Cuero, TX and Mary Jo Hays of Smithton, MO; two grandsons: Ethan and Scott Frencling; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father: Clarence Albert Pottorff.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, April 8, 2010 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory with Mark Fisher and Maurice Cribbs officiating. Kirby Snyder (Richard's best friend), Jerry Nelson (Richard's employer), Ray "Butch" Hays (Richard's brother-in-law) and Taressa Frencling (Richard's daughter), all recalled their wonderful memories of Richard. The songs "If Tomorrow Never Comes" and "The Dance" were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army.

Burial with military honors followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery with Robert Ewing and Maurice Cribbs officiating. Military honors were 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 Richard Pottorff and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SSG (Ret) Richard Lynn Pottorff*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *SSG (Ret) Richard Lynn Pottorff*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Lois, Linda, Carol, MaryJo: I'm sorry for the loss of your only brother. My memory is of your family riding the school bus to Lincoln and the long gravel road crossing over the creek that had no bridge to get back to your house. Linda & I were in the same class and shared a seat on the bus. May your fondest memories of Richard keep him forever alive in your hearts.##imported-begin##Sara Sanders Hart##imported-end##*

February 21, 2011 at 12:58 PM



“ I am so sad you lost Rich. I had the pleasure to work with him when I was at the ASP 2000 - 2004. He was a great man with a beautiful sense of humor. He was the one who showed me the ropes at my new job. May god bless you and keep you strong in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##George Merritt Jr.##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 11:17 AM



“ My memories of Richard are mostly from my childhood, when he was living with my grandparents. As a child, he always made me happy and I always left his company longing to see him again. His caring demeanor and genuine love of the people around him has kept a special spot in my heart for him through all of these years. Know that he was an individual full of grace, peace, and an example of all of the good things we strive for in life. My thoughts are with you, his family in his untimely passing. He was one of the really good ones, and his legacy continues to live on in all of the people he touched.

Ed Henning##imported-begin##Ed Henning##imported-end##

April 08, 2010 at 10:15 PM



“ Ocha, I was so very sorry to hear about Richard. I am praying for you and hope that you are strengthen by each prayer that is sent your way...##imported-begin##Sharon Webb##imported-end##

April 08, 2010 at 01:38 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Erica (Dixon) Hunt##imported-end##

April 08, 2010 at 12:46 AM



“ Tammy, Taressa and Robert, So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Christina Day Rineholt##imported-end##

April 08, 2010 at 12:35 AM



“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE POTTORFF FAMILY: I WORK AT WOODS FAMILY MARKET IN EVENING SHADE AND RICHARD WAS IN THE STORE THAT MORNING AND WE WERE ALL JUST HAVING A GOOD VISIT AND A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER HE WAS GONE. SO HARD TO BELIEVE. HE ALWAYS WAS SO HAPPY AND NOW HE IS IN GOD'S GARDEN WITH HIS BRIGHT SMILE. HE WILL BE SURELY MISSED BY MANY.##imported-begin##KATHY WILLIAMS##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 11:54 PM



“ Ocha,
We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your husband. We pray that you will find peace in your hearts. Sexton and Hickman Family##imported-begin##Breta Hickman Sexton##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 10:49 PM



“ My heart was so sadden when I heard the news. Richard was a wonderful, compassionate person and dear cousin of mine. He loved my parents, Mary and Walter Pottorff, and was always a phone call away if they ever needed him. I will always be grateful for that. His beautiful smile and warm personality will be greatly missed in our family. Our prayers are with his wife and children.##imported-begin##KATHRYN (POTTORFF) BROWNFIELD##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 10:19 PM



“ So sorry for your Loss.
My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
If there is anything I can do please let me know.

I was not able to attend the services.##imported-begin##Joanne Banks##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 08:51 PM



“ My prayer goes out to your family.
I'm So sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Mike Fesko##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 09:46 AM



“ Uncle Richard will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with our family in this time of loss. He left of with lots of great memories to help us through this hard time of grief.##imported-begin##Amanda and Kevin Galindo and family##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 12:49 AM



“ Dear Ocha and Family:

Sorry to hear the news of the loss of our cousin Richard. His smile and laugh stand out most in my memory. Will not be able to attend services due to pending surgery of a family member that day.

*Deepest sympathy from Terry and Anita McLemore
Green Ridge, Missouri##imported-begin##terrell and anita
mclmore##imported-end##*

April 06, 2010 at 10:31 PM



“ *The loss of a very special person. Brough lots of laughter to all. Will be missed by all. We all loved him very much. Love Ronnie & Betty Ollison##imported-begin##Ronnie & Betty Ollison##imported-end##*

April 06, 2010 at 08:48 PM



“ *Ocha, we are very sorry for your loss. Sending a lot of our prayers to you and your family.##imported-begin##Tom and Chiaki Bossaller##imported-end##*

April 06, 2010 at 03:38 PM



“ Ocha and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Rich for walking into the ASP with his big mug of coffee in the mornings and his laughter that would last throughout the day. When he had new stories to tell about ETHAN he had the biggest grin on his face as that boy was the apple of his eye.
I know your hearts are all heavy but just know that all of us have you in our thoughts and prayers.
Annette Howard###imported-begin##Annette (Taylor)
Howard###imported-end##

April 06, 2010 at 12:06 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about the accident, My prayers and thoughts are with you all. He will be missed dearly.###imported-begin##Patsy (pottorff) Cotten###imported-end##

April 05, 2010 at 10:54 PM



“ Ocha and family: I am so sorry for the loss of Rich. He was a wonderful friend. You and your family are in my prayers.

Respectfully, Margie Daniels###imported-begin##Margie Daniels###imported-end##

April 05, 2010 at 10:28 PM



“ Rest In Peace, Mr. Rich. You were a great co-worker and a wonderful man. You will be greatly missed and thought of often. I'm sure the Lord has a VIP seat reserved for you. My prayers and sympathy are with your family and friends. Thank you for all the pleasant memories. You will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Kelly Fleischer##imported-end##

April 05, 2010 at 04:05 PM



“ Ocha,

So sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Jo Gregory##imported-end##

April 05, 2010 at 02:57 PM



“ Our prayer goes out to your family. Death does leave a heartache no one can heal but the love for a dear friend leaves a memory no one can steal.##imported-begin##Michelle Cheney Backues##imported-end##

April 05, 2010 at 01:45 PM