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Wilson A. (Bud) Shatzer passed away January 21, 2022. He was born December 17, 1946 to Wilson A. and Vieno Shatzer in Lewiston, Idaho. Bud married Mary Ann Krall at Fort Meade, Maryland on April 16, 1983. He is survived by his spouse Mary Ann (Annie); Sister Doris Shirley; Son Coy (Mary) Shatzer and two grandchildren Kya and Cody. He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister (Teri) and a brother (Richard).

Bud served as a commissioned combat arms officer in the US Army and he began his military service in 1970 and retired as a Colonel in April 2001. His career included assignments in Europe, Australia and throughout the United States in various command and staff positions. He commanded an Armor battalion in the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), and also served as a personnel officer on the HQDA Staff and as the Senior Executive Officer for the Secretary of the Army's Office of Legislative Liaison. He culminated his military career as Director, Military Review Boards, Army Review Boards Agency (ARBA).

He further went on to serve as a Department of Defense civilian in the capacity of Executive Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary ARBA and on the staff of the American Battle Monuments Commission. His final assignment was Assistant Deputy, Casualty, Mortuary, and POW MIA Policy which culminated his fifty years of service to our country.

Bud loved to go fishing and the fish loved him since he was more interested in the challenge than the actual catching of fish. Additionally, in his spare time he loved to cook for all of his friends. Anyone who knew Bud, understood that he cared about people and would do anything for them. He lived by the motto "Treat others as you would expect to be treated". Additionally, Bud was an active member and served on the Board of Directors for AAFMAA.

The family would like to thank the many friends and acquaintances who became part of his life and especially those who checked in on Bud, took him to lunch and kept him active in the last years.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 6222 Franconia Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22310 on February 17, 2022 at 10:30 am.

Interment with full military honors and a funeral mass will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). EWTN donations can be found at www.ewtn.com or contact Ryan Flood at (800) 447-3986. Reference "In memory of Bud Shatzer". EWTN is 501c3 charitable organization.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
6222 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310-2511
<https://stlawrencealex.org/>

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Yea, agree....glad to see he's gone....never before had a seen such a lack of judgement and common sense. This guy was a government leach...and that's putting it nicely.

Samuel - June 28 at 06:02 PM

RI

“ Wow...Bud Shitzer died. Too bad...guy was an asshole.

richard - June 28 at 05:56 PM



“ I just learned of the passing of Uncle Bud, I had the honor of working with him at ARBA, he was the nicest gentleman, and always made me feel valuable and appreciated. May you Rest in Heaven sir and know that you will be missed.

Debra Buckley - Smith - May 12 at 02:36 AM

MH

“ Bud was unquestionably the best leader it was ever my pleasure to know. From him and Annie bringing Christmas dinner to the Fort Stewart ASP for those of us on guard duty, to a huge bear hug while rail loading for possible deployment to Panama, and telling me to be careful because he didn't want to have to tell my wife of six months any bad news, he was a good man, and great leader. He was the primary reason I chose to make the Army a career. Stayed in touch with him through retirement. Will be forever grateful for good men like then LTC Shatzer. May the peace of our Lord be with your family. Until we meet once again on Fiddler's Green. Desert Rogues.

SFC(R) Matthew Hite

Matthew Hite - March 30 at 10:44 AM

DM

“ I served with Bud in the 1/35 Armor in Erlangen Germany. As an intra Brigade transfer Bud welcomed me to the Battalion with open arms. Ever the gentleman, Bud always looked at the glass as half full and strived to make lemonade out of lemons. I branch transferred to Finance Corps so our paths did not cross after Erlangen. It pleases me greatly that he continued to serve our nation successfully in challenging assignments. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and many friends. COL(Ret) Doug Metcalf

D H Metcalf - February 17 at 05:22 PM

CA

“ *A treasure is gone; Bud was amazing and a friend to all. He will be missed.*

Carole Godette



Carole - February 17 at 07:12 AM

ST

“ *I was saddened to hear of Bud’s passing. He was such an amazing, thoughtful supervisor and friend. Bud and I first met at ABMC and after a day of bumping heads we became the best of buddies. We had a lot in common – our faith, military, work & humor. We would joke on each other every chance we got. Bud was a peacemaker, a man of integrity and warmth. I will always cherish the memories.*

I will miss you greatly, Bud.

Rest in peace & rise in glory, until we meet again!

My heartfelt condolences to Annie and the family.

~Sam

Samuel Thompson - February 15 at 06:23 PM

TT

“ I've known COL Wilson "Bud" Shatzer since we were Captains in the US Army. We first met at Fort Knox, KY during that time in 1976-77. Later, he was my battalion commander when he commanded 1st Bn 64th Armor, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, GA. I was his executive officer. Deb and I met Annie, his lovely bride, during our tour with the battalion in Georgia.

Bud was a one of kind person-personable, approachable, always jovial with a smile on his face. A kind and generous soul who was constantly helpful to soldiers he led and to their families. Never a dull moment with Bud and Annie when we would socialize - at hail and farewells with his NCOs and Officers, in team runs, or on any occasion. He was a leader-officer of unquestionable character - a man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle for all season.

I know his untimely death has touched all of us with great and unforgettable sadness. He leaves Annie and all of us with his lasting legacy - a man with huge loving heart. We will not forget him. Deb and I pray that he rest in peace in heaven with the Good Lord, and all the angels and saints.

A final salute to you Bud...keep on "tanking" in heaven. Go Desert Rogue 6!

Your friends in heart, Tony (Desert Rogue 5) and Debbie Taguba

Tony Taguba - February 15 at 01:02 PM

NA

“ WE CAN NOT EXPRESS HOW DEEPLY SADDENED WE ARE OF THE LOSS OF SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN. HE WAS SUCH A KIND, LOVING, AND GIVING MAN. WE MET BUD AND ANNIE AT THE CAR DEALERSHIP THEY HAD THEIR VEHICLE SERVICED AT. WE FORMED SUCH A BOND THAT THEY HAVE BECOME FAMILY. WE HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY THEM IN MANY ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES AND ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ENCOURAGE US IN OUR ENDEAVORS. WHEN WE BECAME PARENTS TO OUR WONDERFUL CHILD, WE AGAIN WERE ENCOURAGED BY OUR MENTORS. RAISING OUR CHILD TO BE CARING, LOVING, AND GIVING AND TO LOVE HER FAMILY, HER COUNTRY, AND OUR LORD. WE LOVE YOU BUD! THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

NORMA AND JAMES ALMAND

NORMA ALMAND - February 15 at 11:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilson A. (Bud) Shatzer Jr..



February 13 at 05:00 PM

NI

“ Bud you always made me feel valued when I came to visit. I will never forget my first time visiting in Savannah, GA. I must have been 12 years old and you took me crab fishing. You always provided advise but never pushed your opinion on me with your soft spoken voice. Trips to the casino, movies and many restaurants. Annie is my Godmother and I always referred to you as my Godfather even if it wasn't written on paper. I always prayed for you even though once I had a family we didn't talk as much. I love you Bud and will truly cherish you. Nikki

Nichol - February 07 at 09:05 PM

JH

“ I was saddened to hear of Bud's passing.
Bud and I were students at the Australian Army Command and Staff College, Queenscliff, VIC in 1984. Although it was only for one year, my late wife Margaret and I had the great pleasure of getting to know Bud and Annie through the various activities, both official and extracurricular of the College. They were both friendly and outgoing and were great representatives of their country and the US Army.
Bud was thoroughly professional, making a positive contribution to the course. However, he also had a great sense of humour and could always see the funny side of events, and was great company in any setting.

Vale old friend, and Rest In Peace.
Deep Condolences to Annie.

John Heydon

John Heydon - February 06 at 05:51 AM

BH

“ We knew Bud and Annie during 1984 and a couple of subsequent visits to Washington DC, We can vouch for his wisdom, humility, love for people, sense of humour, infectious laugh, gentlemanly demeanour and generosity of spirit, which are so clearly on display in the remarks on this page. What a Tribute!

Vale Bud, and rest in peace mate - your duty well and truly done.

All our love to you Annie.

Lieutenant Colonel Bert (Retd) and Alison HOEBEE
Australian Command and Staff College, Class of 1984

Bert and Alison Hoebee - February 06 at 03:49 AM

JO

“ After the end of every lunch or phone call Mr. Shatzer always expressed his sentiments.
He would say Jacob, "I love you brother and I really value our friendship". Much love to you Sir... Rest Well.

Jacob Owens - February 03 at 03:58 PM

TC

“ I did not know Bud well or long but he was one of the kindest people I've ever met. He made everyone feel valued and important and brought warmth and calm with him wherever he went. He wore his patriotism and faith on his sleeve in a way that should serve as an example for everyone.



Tom Cavaness - February 03 at 11:54 AM

JM

“ I'm saddened by the news of Bud's death. Bud was a first-class gentleman and a true public servant. It was my honor to know and serve with Bud.

John Molino - February 02 at 09:50 PM

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“ To Annie our love and sympathy at this very tough time. Thank you for sharing Bud with us all these many years and for putting up with all the tankers with whom Bud shared his love of Armor, and of "God and Country." God bless. from Al Bergstrom and the Army crew at the Naval War College

COL Albion Bergstrom, USA (Ret) - February 02 at 11:00 AM

AM

“ I met Colonel Shatzer while working in the typing pool at the Pentagon. I got the opportunity to work with him again at ARBA. This man who had a beautiful encouraging uplifting personality towards everyone. Colonel Shatzer could light up the room with his gregarious personable personality. He absolutely loved his wife, his troops and people. He never met a stranger. He would go above and beyond for his troops. If you ever met this awesome man you would not forget him. I can see that smile and hear his warm concerned greeting right now. I'm so happy that our paths crossed. Rest in Heaven my friend to your wife family and friends, much Love Peace and Blessings Always ❤️🕊️🙏🕊️



Alease "Cookie" Montgomery - February 02 at 10:34 AM

KP

“ There are so many!! My husband is Bud's "dupa" brother and he states that Bud "was a prince of a man ", and we were always referred to as part of the family. He was so generous and kind but also very funny. The fishing trip with Spike and the time you broke his favorite fishing pole !!! Our hearts go out to you Mary "Dean" as we grieve with you Love and prayers from Spike and Kit and Family 💜🙏

Kit Purington - January 31 at 01:57 PM

WI

“ I first met "Uncle Bud" when he arrived at ARBA. I learned that Colonel Shatzer had been an Army Armor officer. Years prior to his military service, I was an Armor enlisted crewman, and while in ARBA, we developed a special bond. I even gave him my car's license plate when I reordered newer replacements ... "M60A1." He continued to mentor me in 'people skills' that I hold close to my heart to this day. Unfortunately, I never learned his gift to say the right things at times like this; so all I can say is, "God speed my Friend."

W. Sherwin Fulton III - January 30 at 03:38 PM

SB

“ Mary Ann....My prayers are with you at this sad time.
Sharon Bird
Donna's sister in North Dakota

Sharon Bird - January 29 at 01:39 AM

KG

“Colonel Shatzer”, first time I uttered those words he replied, “Miss Katie I expect you to call me Bud!” Bud always made it a point to voice his appreciation for anything and everything you did for him. He had a way of making everyone he met feel special. It was a honor to know him and he is someone I will dearly miss. Rest Peacefully, Sir. I promise to take good care of our “Annie Girl”.

Katie Gushen - January 28 at 11:59 PM

DB

Bud Shatzer was a wonderful man with a heart of gold. It was my great fortune to have worked with Bud, and an honor to know him and call him my friend. Debbie Billington

Debbie Billington - January 28 at 04:28 PM

CD

I had heard the name Bud Shatzer long before he arrived at the DA Review Boards Agency. As the Administrative Officer for the Agency I had the pleasure of doing his in processing. I found him to be a person who cared deeply for his fellow man and would do any and everything to help someone. It was an honor and privilege to know and work with him. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Calpurnia H. Dyson

Calpurnia H Dyson - February 02 at 12:48 PM



Bud referred to me as “The Big Guy” that always put a smile on my face ❤️ : He always made such a big deal of everyone of my accomplishments: I had lost my Father about 10 years before I meet him : He said to me one day “we are Brother’s now : You do so much for others and understand your role as a protector of people and I can see you would do anything for other’s over yourself:: That statement went to my heart and I will always be thankful to Buddy for believing in Me... I have done as he asked and always moved forward : and reported back my ups and downs to him : God Speed Brother Buddy

Teri O'Sullivan - February 05 at 09:34 PM



The above reference was written by my husband, Bryan!

I was fortunate enough to know Bud’s sister, Terri, aka: Sr. I was known as Jr. I met Bud at her house one holiday season and we became friends. He was a kind generous man with a great laugh who enjoyed life. Every Christmas he would send us an ornament from the White House Historical Society. I have continued that tradition and I do it in memory of Bud. My husband and I were known as Jr and The Big Guy! We were grateful of our trip to Washington, visited special places and lunch fit for a King. He will always be in our hearts. God bless you dear friend, we love you! Tell your sister Terri and Walt, I miss them! Jr and The Big Guy!

Teri O'Sullivan - February 05 at 09:43 PM

MC

To the Family of Mr. Bud Shatzer,

I have known Mr. Shatzer for many years. I met him in the early 90s when he worked in the Pentagon while serving in uniform. He was always the same in uniform and in his civilian capacity. He truly cared for people and had a genuine love for all he encountered. We will miss him dearly. He has a special home that is prepared for him by our Heavenly Father.

Michelle Cromwell - February 14 at 02:01 PM