



## William Lee Broyles

January 9, 1940 - September 25, 2007

William L. Broyles, age 67, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 following a courageous four-year battle with cancer. Surrounded by his wife and children, his death was quiet and dignified. His cheerful smile and arsenal of jokes will be missed by all. His example will continue to guide us.

Bill always confronted and overcame adversity with humor, enthusiasm and will. Born on January 9, 1940 in La Junta, Colorado, Bill set high standards for himself from an early age. A 1958 graduate of White Pines High School, Ely, Nevada, Bill was elected to the National Honor Society and graduated in the upper quartile of his class.

Bill was the first in his family to attend college and the importance of education became a theme during his life. While working full time and raising a family, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1964. Bill's military service began in college when he joined the Army ROTC. As a commissioned officer, he went on to earn an MBA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University in 1974.

Bill served his country for twenty-nine years as a United States Army officer, attaining the rank of Colonel. His service took him around the globe, including eight tours overseas, two of which were combat tours in Vietnam. While on

active duty, he served as an Infantry Officer for 11 years. A beloved leader of his men, Colonel Broyles was a company commander with the 101st Airborne Division and during his second combat tour, a Military Advisor to the South Vietnamese.

Colonel Broyles was recognized for his valor and service as a Vietnam veteran and military officer, receiving numerous awards, medals and citations: Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with numeral four and valor device, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/ Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

Bill continued his military career as a comptroller for 18 years in a variety of posts including the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel / Budget, Defense Communications Agency, Deputy to the Auditor General, and Director of Resource Management for the US Army, Hawaii. Returning to the continental United States, he worked for the Cost and Economic Analysis Center at Bailey Crossroads.

Upon retirement from the military, he entered private business as a defense contractor for SAIC from 1994 – 1995 and with Calibre Systems from 1995 to the present. Drawing upon a sheer will that defined him, Bill continued to work while battling cancer and in his last years of life, he was selected by Calibre for the Distinguished Service Award and made a Principle in the company in 2006.

Bill loved the Washington Redskins, Saturday morning yard sales, Sunday

dinners with his grandchildren, a good fishing trip, and the annual Art Car Parade in Houston.

Bill was the son of William L. and Estella Broyles. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Patricia, and his five children: Gregory, Nicole, Mary Catherine, Margaret Ann, and Thomas; sons- and daughters-in-law: Susan Goll, George Hixson IV, Damian Harris and Peter Bermudez; and eight grandchildren: Maggie Harris, Meredith Bermudez, Ian Harris, Sarah Broyles, Mason Bermudez, Quinn Hixson, Emily Goll-Broyles and Serianna Hixson. Bill has two surviving siblings: his twin sister, Thyra Wilson and her husband Daniel of La Verkin, Utah; his brother, Larry, of Denver, Colorado and a surviving nephew R. Wade Broyles of Boise, Idaho. He was preceded in death by both his parents, and siblings Joseph, Roger and Sally.

In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made to Capital Hospice and/or the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Memorial Service will be December 12, 2007 at 12:45pm, Ft. Myers Main Post Chapel, Ft. Myers, Virginia; followed by the internment with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Lee Broyles*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - January 28, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ *Pat, I cannot tell you how sorry I was to hear about Bill's passing this evening. I had just returned with Jeff from clearing out my brother's storage bin, full of my parents items that he had kept since 1990 and the estate sale that I remember you attended. It's hard, but time has a way of healing, and given time, you'll make it through. It would be wonderful to see you again, and reconnect. We both have long waits for those Arlington Cemetary Burials. Please accept our sympathy and condolences. I know what you're going through, just from a different perspective. Larz Kremer*

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *William Lee Broyles*

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nicole and Broyles Family, As time passes, I'm praying that you be comforted by memories of your Dad and loved one.

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nicole and Broyles family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Nicole, if you want to talk, I am here for you. Love, Maura

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ William Lee Broyles

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Nicole, We are truly saddened to hear about your loss. We continue to lift you and your family up in in prayers during this difficult time.

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of morning...It made me smile to think about your dad enjoying the Houston Art Car show:) Sounds like he was a great and fun guy:) TammyT

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ To The Broyles Family, Words cannot express how a family member feels when they lose a loved one but there is joy in knowing that they are absent from their temporary earthy home and now present with the Lord (eternal dwelling place). There's no more sickness and no more pain. We know that Our Father makes no mistakes even in death. So thank the Lord for allowing him to leave with each of you precious memories that cannot be replaced. I will continue to keep the family in my daily prayers. P.S. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Blessings beyond measure, Wanda L. Dotson (Co-worker and friend of Nicole Broyles)*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ Sorry to hear about your lost.*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ May your father's soul rest peacefully in Heaven.*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely,  
UH PeopleSoft Project*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ We will continue to pray for you (Nicole) and your family. Be strong for one another and "God" will do the rest. Love to you and your family.*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ Nicole, those we love remain part of us " our loved ones leave the world, but never our hearts. God Bless, Angela*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ I just wanted to let you know that our prayers are with you and your family in your time of grief. May your memories of Papa Bill keep you comforted at the time you need them most. I pray that the Lord will surround you with his love and that his presence will fill you and your loved ones with peace. Carolyn & Marlon Crowell and family  
Co-worker and friend of Nicole Broyles*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ Nicole, My condolences to you and your family. In protecting love, may God enable a refuge in this time of loss and grieving.*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ Nicole, May your happy memories of your father console you during this difficult time. With sympathy...*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



*“ Thomas, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know how much you have agonized over the thought of this day for some time. But I know that does not make this any easier at all. I am not sure if there is anything at all I can do to comfort you. But I hope that if there is something I can do, that you will let me know. In the meantime, know that I care.*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To: William Lee Broyles family I offer my condolences. Take care of each other and may GOD bless you all! From: April Blow

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary Jo and I send our thoughts and condolences to your family at this difficult time.

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill was a loving Grandfather and Father in Law. He will be missed.

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nicole: I am so sorry for your loss, I pray you and your family find comfort in knowing your father touched so many lives; you must be very proud of your father for the accomplishments he has achieved. Love, Cherty

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat, Nancy and I send our condolences on the passing of an outstanding Army Officer and husband. Warm Regards, Tom and Nancy Dooley

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *William -- we hardly knew each other, but we knew everything! My thanks for the years we spent learning and unlearning at 'cuse, and you keeping me laughing!! Thanks for your Service -- 'ya done good! God Speed My Friend! Slainte!*

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April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nicole, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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