



Willie T. Riggs, Jr.

April 28, 1938 - August 2, 2017

Willie T. Riggs, Jr, passed away in his home in Reston, VA from natural causes. He was 79 years old. Willie is survived by his five loving daughters, Brigitte Riggs and Margarita Riggs from his first marriage and Ruan Riggs-Grant, Christina Riggs-Kelley and Tricia Riggs from his second marriage. He is also survived by his sister, Jeri Benson and his grandchildren: Kayden and Michelle Addato, and Tyrone Grimes (Bridgitte), Tim Parkos (Margarita). Ava, Evan and Emerson Grant (Ruan), and Irving, Leah, Noah and Ariana Kelley (Christina) and Greatgrandchild Brayden Emory Grimes (Tyrone). He is preceded in death by his only son Willie T. Riggs III at the age of 1, his sisters Mary Riggs-Roberson and Lily Riggs-Lane and his brother Isaiah Watkins. Willie was born on April 28, 1938 in McGehee, AR to Willie T. Riggs, Sr and Pearl Watkins but he and his siblings were raised by their grandmother Emma Watkins. On May 31, 1956, he joined the Air Force where he was the Airborne Warning and Control Tower Technician for 2 years, then the Ground Radio Communications Superintendent for 18 years. Willie is a veteran of the Vietnam War where he received the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with five Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He retired from the military on May 31, 1982 after serving for 26 years.

Immediately following his military career, he worked as a Communications

Engineer at MCI. Willie loved music, and enjoyed cooking, weight lifting, traveling and was an avid reader.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie T. Riggs, Jr.*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *Willie T. Riggs, Jr.*

Enduring Grace - November 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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America the Beautiful - November 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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“ *Rest In Peace Mr. Riggs. Thank you for your service to our country. Your memory will live on in your children and grandchildren. My deepest condolences to the entire Riggs family; sending loving thoughts and prayers to you all.
Love, Felicia, Ray, and Valentina Hutchinson*

November 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sending our love and prayers to the entire Riggs family during this difficult time of sadness and loss. May the memories you have comfort you and keep his memory alive within your hearts. All our love... xoxo Alexandra & Mike*

November 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My Deepest Condolences go out to the Riggs family, I hope you find comfort in these words, "He will swallow up death forever,.....And will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8. We want to trust in Jehovah God's, promise of the resurrection hope. jw.org*

November 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Papa, we miss you and love you more than words can express. I miss your smiling eyes and warm hugs. I take comfort in knowing that we'll all be together again. I love you ❤️ rest in peace.

November 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Love you grandpa may you have everlasting peace at home in heaven.

November 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Loving memories

November 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Miss you papa.....

October 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Willie T. Riggs, Jr.

October 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Willie T. Riggs, Jr.

Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant - October 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM