



William Charles Brownfield

March 29, 1930 - January 7, 2022

The Story of a Life Well Lived...

On March 29, 1930 in a rural area of Louisiana, Ms. Bessie King welcomed her second born of her 4 children. His name was William Charles Brownfield and was so lovingly nicknamed "Dub" by his wife Naomi.

His troops AKA Yardbirds referred to him as Drill Sargent Brownfield. He grew up in Mer Rouge, Louisiana, where he attended Morehouse Parish Training School from 1948 to 1951. During that time, he also played basketball and baseball which he so proudly bragged about. Upon graduation, he was drafted into the United States Army where he attended basic training in Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. As he continued his career, he served in three wars, spending eleven months in Korea, and a total of twenty -four months between two tours to Vietnam.

He returned to Louisiana in 1954 and met the love of his life Naomi Chambers. They were married September 17, 1955 and created a blended family of 8 beautiful children. They traveled the world to places like Hawaii, Kansas, Germany, Fort Lewis and his final duty station was Fort Ord where he decided to retire after 22 years into his career and settled in Lakewood Washington where he is responsible for most if not all of our family from Lakewood to Seattle Residing in the great Northwest.

William was Preceded in death by his brother, Lee Andrew Johnson, sister Clara Aldora Brownfield, mother Bessie King, father Abraham George Brownfield Sr, sons James C Smith, Tyrus Smith, and his loving wife of 66 years, Mrs. Naomi Brownfield.

He leaves cherished memories to six children: Lonell Smith (Marion), Ray Smith (Ruth), Brenda Harris, Anne Hodges (Robert), Laura Smith, Sheryl Brownfield; his brother, Abraham George Brownfield Jr.; eighteen grandchildren; countless great and great-great grands; a host of nieces, nephews and many cherished friends that are more like family. Though sadly we will miss him, We shall meet again!

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

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“ A webcast video has been added.



Mountain View Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Crematory - January 19 at 12:49 PM



“ I am so sorry I missed seeing that my Friend from way back. I will always remember him calling people “Yardbird”we had some good times on Ft Lewis. Rest well Drill Sargent. My prayers go out to your Family.

William E. Spenser - January 22 at 03:44 AM



“ The best stepfather that I could have ever had. You’re the best William Brownfield. The best that our Heavenly Father ordered. And I am truly grateful to have had you in my life.

Brenda Harris - January 20 at 08:07 AM



“ uncle thank you for being a wonderful uncle miss you and love you dearly



Carolyn Brackins - January 19 at 03:20 PM



“ Beccoe lit a candle in memory of William Charles Brownfield



beccoe - January 19 at 03:18 PM



“ Though you did not give me the gift of life. For the last 50+ years you & mama give me the parental love one can only dream of. Though not flesh of your flesh, nor bone of your bone. Love bloomed in my heart, in my life. I felt loved. You gave a young lonely girl a sense of family, a sense of belonging. May your kind loving spirit stay with us, though your earthly body can not. You are missed.

Beccie - January 19 at 02:06 PM



“ Wanda Moore lit a candle in memory of William Charles Brownfield



Wanda Moore - January 19 at 01:37 PM



“ Wanda Moore lit a candle in memory of William Charles Brownfield



Wanda Moore - January 19 at 01:35 PM



“ Missing you but feeling at peace knowing you are no longer in pain. Love You! Your,
Ruthie



Ruth Smith - January 18 at 09:02 PM



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Kara - January 18 at 11:10 PM



“ Charles And Peggy Davis lit a candle in memory of William Charles Brownfield



Charles and Peggy Davis - January 18 at 02:53 PM



“ Daddy you were the best father a girl could ever have. It breaks my heart to lose you but it fills my heart knowing that your heart doesn't have to hurt anymore because you are reunited with the love of your life. Give mama a kiss for me.
Love you,
Sharon



Sheryl - January 18 at 05:02 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William Charles Brownfield.



January 17 at 11:50 PM



“ Kara Smith lit a candle in memory of William Charles Brownfield



Kara Smith - January 17 at 12:56 PM



“ Travis and Melissa Raynor-Redmond purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Charles Brownfield.



Travis and Melissa Raynor-Redmond - January 17 at 10:42 AM