



SFC Craig A. Van Brunt

November 16, 1949 - May 29, 2016

SFC Craig A. Van Brunt (US Army Retired), age 66, of Pendleton, died Sunday, May 29, 2016 from injuries sustained in an accident while riding with his comrades in Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter One's, Ride to the Wall, in Washington, D.C.

He was born November 16, 1949 in Medford, Oregon, a son of the late Ira William and Marjorie Zeta (Meyers) Van Brunt.

Craig served in the US Army for 22 years of active duty service with one tour in Vietnam, 1969-1971. Following his retirement from the military he completed his Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology at Indiana Wesleyan University. Craig also served as a police officer in different communities for several years. He enjoyed riding with Rolling Thunder, the Patriot Guard Riders and was a strong supporter of The Wounded Warriors Project. He was a war movie enthusiast and also enjoyed watching MASH and John Wayne.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Denise (McGrady) Van Brunt; a son, Jacob (wife: Audrey) Van Brunt of Muncie; two daughters, Julie Van Brunt of Erlanger, KY and Jodie Van Brunt of Greenfield; grandchildren, John William Van Brunt, Layla Stumpf, Brenda Stumpf and one due to arrive in September; a sister, Barbara Porter of DeFuniak Springs, FL and his mother-in-law, Aileen

McGrady of New Castle.

A memorial service honoring Craig's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2016 at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 523 S. Merrill St., Fortville, Indiana, with Deacon Frank Klauder officiating. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery with military honors conducted by a contingent from the US Army.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be offered to The Wounded Warriors Project support.woundedwarriorproject.org. or Peyton Manning Children's Hospital peytonmanning.stvincent.org.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of SFC Craig A. Van Brunt.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery Indianapolis

800 W. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Catholic Church
523 S. Merrill St.
Fortville, IN

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ I am very sorry to read of the loss of, Mr. Van Brunt. He was a very faithful and dedicated man, married for 31 years! I won't pretend to know what you're going through, but what has helped me deal with the loss of those I love is turning to the Scriptures, something that has been a real source of comfort. One Scripture that gives me hope is, John 11:25, which says, " Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." I hope that this verse will also comfort you and, I hope you and your family can get through this difficult time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandpa and friend. Sincerely, Meryl

Meryl - June 05, 2016 at 12:16 PM

BH

“ Becky Hillis lit a candle in memory of SFC Craig A. Van Brunt



Becky Hillis - June 04, 2016 at 09:22 PM

SR

“ Steve Sharp, Rolling Thunder Rider lit a candle in memory of SFC Craig A. Van Brunt



Steve Sharp, Rolling Thunder Rider - June 03, 2016 at 02:21 PM

JC

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Craig. My husband, Charles, is a first cousin of Craig. However, he never got to meet him personally. Craig's father, Ira, was a brother to my husband's Mother, Anna Van Brunt Conley. I pray God's blessings on this family in this difficult time. I'm sure Craig will be missed by many. May the Lord give you strength and understanding in the days ahead.

Charles and Janelle Conley
jadamsconley@yahoo.com

Janelle Conley - June 03, 2016 at 01:05 PM

GR

“ Gary D. Rose purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of SFC Craig A. Van Brunt.



Gary D. Rose - June 03, 2016 at 09:21 AM

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Terry Sanderson - June 03, 2016 at 07:37 AM



“Denise our deepest condolences on the passing of your husband. The few times I talked to him at Blackford County he seemed very nice. We would like to thank him for his service to our country . Peace be with you and your family at this time and always.
Joe and Ruthann Jenkinson



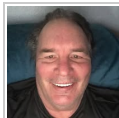
Joe jenkinson - June 03, 2016 at 01:27 AM



“My husband and I were also on this Rolling Thunder Ride. We were in squad 6...Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless....



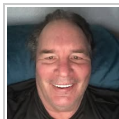
Lois Herbert - June 02, 2016 at 08:58 PM



I WASN'T ON ON THE RIDE, BUT CRAIG WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE VETS TO POST ON MY WEBSITE. HE HAD A HEART OF GOLD, HE WAS ALWAYS NICE AND I HOPE HE IS SHARING HIS STORIES WITH GOD RIGHT NOW. MY DEEPEST AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO CRAIGS FAMILY MEMBERS.

JACK BOWLAND

Jack Bowland - June 04, 2016 at 08:13 PM



REST IN PEACE CRAIG BROTHER, AND FRIEND

Jack Bowland - June 04, 2016 at 08:15 PM



my brother.....my best friend i will so miss him...love Barbara (Van Brunt) Porter

barbara (Van Brunt) Porter - June 08, 2016 at 09:01 AM