



Colonel Richard F. Carvell

March 29, 1931 - September 8, 2020

Colonel Richard F. Carvell, U.S. Army, Retired, 89, of St. Albans, WV passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at his residence.

He was born in Shinnston, WV to the late Frank and Mary (Spino) Carvell. He was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Judith Faye (Burton) Carvell; son, Richard F. Carvell Jr.; granddaughter, Mary Frances Carr.

Surviving are children, Judith Carvell (Torman) of South Port, North Carolina, Tara Stuart (Jeff) of Piqua, Ohio and Ann Carvell of Jonesboro, LA; sisters, Esther Carroll of Buffalo, NY, Angela Watson of Bridgeport, WV and Liz Christiansen of Sarasota, FL; brother, Frank Joseph Carvell of Newport News, VA. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Phillip Dreer, beloved granddaughter Shauna Smith, Joseph Croteau, Ann Robinson, Ricky Carvell, III., William Berry, Olivia Berry and Benny Torman and 18 great grandchildren.

Colonel Carvell was a graduate of Shinnston High School. Shinnston, WV. He began his extensive military career in the United States Army in 1949 at the age of 18. Turning down the acceptance to attend West Point, he went to serve his country in the Korean War, completing three tours. Upon return, he met the love of his life, Judith Burton. They were married in South Charleston, WV in 1953. She was dedicated to the success of his military career. Richard spent 3 tours in Vietnam. While serving his last tour as Battalion Commander of the 1st/46th Inf Bde, one of his most memorable assignments was Fire Base Mary Ann. This is where he acquired the nickname "Crash" Carvell and "Superman" after surviving numerous helicopter crashes.

Colonel Carvell was commissioned and Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School 23 March 1954, class number 4. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader, Company I, 325th ABN Infantry Regiment, 82d ABN Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. | His subsequent duty assignments include: XO, Headquarters Company, 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Assistant COMDT Airborne School, Headquarters, School and Training Command, 82d

Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Platoon Leader, company C, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Division Platoon Leader/XO/Division Executive, Company C, 1st Battle Group, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Instructor, Ranger Department, UN States Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia; Detachment Commander, Company D, 7th special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Detachment Commander MTT, Company A, 8th Special Forces Group, San Bernardo, Chile; Assistant S-3, Headquarters Company, 8th Special Forces Group, Fort Gulick Canal Zone; Special Forces Instructor, Combat Arms Division, USAQMS, Fort Lee, Virginia; Department Commander, Det B-56, 5th Special Forces Group, Vietnam; Battalion S-3/Battalion XO/Battalion Commander, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Vietnam; Chief, Plans Branch, Headquarters, U.S. Army School, training Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama; Battalion Commander, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade, Vietnam; Regimental Advisor, 52d Infantry Regiment, 18th Infantry Division, Vietnam; Infantry Assignments, Colonel's Division, OPO-OPD, Washington, D.C.; Chief Reforger Group and Deputy Director, Brigade 75/76, ODCSOPS, Headquarters USAREUR and Seventh Army, Heidelberg, Germany. | His awards and decorations include: Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge (2 Awards), Glider Badge, Master Parachute Badge, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses (7 Palms, 2 Silver Star, 1 Bronze Star), PUC (Navy), PUC (Army, 2 Awards), Purple Heart (2 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medal (V Device, 13 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (V Device, 3 Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit.

Colonel Carvell, spent his retirement traveling to other countries while working on special missions. He also dedicated his time to mission groups such as Rivers of the World in the Congo and his church Grace Baptist Temple.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Brian Dean officiating. Entombment will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans, WV with Full Military Honors.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

You may visit Richard's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is

honored to serve the Carvell family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GJ

“ I am proud to have had the pleasure of knowing the Colonel. I spent many hours listening to his stories as I was researching information about one of his men that received the Medal of Honor (my boss's uncle). My boss had me buy a laptop to send to the Colonel so he could write that book. Extraordinary man. Semper Fi.
MSgt Greg Jarmon, USMC

Greg Jarmon - July 22, 2022 at 04:22 PM

KP

“ It is my honor to have known Col. Carvell.

Karl Priest - September 15, 2020 at 02:42 PM

MT

“ Mark and Leslie (Carvell) Theiss purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.



Mark and Leslie (Carvell) Theiss - September 12, 2020 at 08:01 PM

DM

“ We have been Colonel Carvell’s neighbors in Saint Albans. We fondly remember how good both the Colonel and Judy were to us. Upon moving in, we received a beautiful slate hand-painted flag that we still proudly hang. They were both the best this country has to offer. We loved being shown through the house and told stories about where various incredible items came from. The Colonel rarely talked of his personal wartime experiences. But, he often spoke of the people he served with and the people he counted as friends from all over the globe. He believed in and lived American exceptionalism. He loved people of all kinds from all cultures and wanted the best for them. We believe his service to America was also service to those in need around the globe. He and Judy were both people of great faith and they lived it in their daily lives. They were always doing something for others in need. We learned from his stories of humanitarian service in the Congo and efforts to stamp out river blindness. He dearly loved all his family. We know he will be greatly missed and we extend our sympathies to all of you. In these current times of crisis and polarization, we daily think of the Colonel and Judy. We were as different as night and day. A couple of 2 progressive liberal women with views on many things fundamentally at opposite ends of the spectrum, and yet — we were welcomed into their homes and lives and blessed with their time and friendship. The world would be a better, kinder place if people were more like them. We wish you all peace and the knowledge that heaven has gained a great man with angel wings.

Debby McHenry and Elaine Moore

Deborah McHenry Elaine Moore - September 12, 2020 at 11:51 AM

DT

“ To the family and friends of Col. Carvell. Dick and Judy were wonderful people and neighbors .I feel privileged to have known them. WHAT a PATRIOT! His service has made the world a safer place! How lucky to be called family. May God Bless you. May you Rest In Peace With Love and prayers Diana Thomas and family

Diana Thomas - September 12, 2020 at 10:54 AM

RW

“ Served under him in Vietnam, 1970, as "Shake 'N Bake" SGT E5 in Echo Co. Mortars, 1/46 Infantry.
He was a great soldier and leader of men.
God Bless you, COL Richard Carvell, and Rest in Peace.
"... the line still holds, Rest, rest and farewell!"
Richard White (SGT, retired)

Richard White - September 11, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



September 11, 2020 at 02:37 PM

JM

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Richards family. I have fond memories of Richard at Water Aerobics. He was always so kind.*
Jo Ann Mallory

joanne Mallory - September 11, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



September 11, 2020 at 04:04 AM

EG

“ *Ed & Deb Gittens purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



Ed & Deb Gittens - September 10, 2020 at 09:44 PM

BI

“ *Bravo 1/46 Infantry. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



Bravo 1/46 Infantry. - September 10, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



September 10, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



September 10, 2020 at 10:56 AM

RC

“ *Ray and Marcella Chaney purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



Ray and Marcella Chaney - September 10, 2020 at 10:06 AM

LT

“ *What a great military man and good friend. My greatest memory was when he taught me how to say Thank you very much in Japanese. I was making an acceptance speech at the Toyota Plant in Buffalo and wanted to say that to thank them for their contribution to the YMCA..... he was a great hero and a roll model. Heaven is sounding sweeter*

Lana Newhouse Taylor - September 09, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Shauna Smith - September 09, 2020 at 09:41 PM



I served with COL Carrell with the 52nd INF, 18th ARVN Div in Vietnam. During one of our talks we learned that in the early 60s I was in the Navy and my ship picked up his unit in Panama and carried them “south”.

I spoke to him many years back but lost contact. I was thinking of him today and on a hunch, searched the obituaries. He was a good leader and great American.

Marshall Huckaby, 1SG(Ret) - October 26, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ Shauna Smith lit a candle in memory of Colonel Richard F. Carvell



Shauna Smith - September 09, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ So very sorry. I grew up with Colonel Carvell’s name mentioned in our home for many many years, and was fortunate to know him personally. My father loved that man. They were Brothers in Arms in Vietnam. I know it is a very hard time for the family and I wish them all the best. He was a great man and lived a long and fulfilling life.

Greg Spilberg - September 09, 2020 at 08:51 PM

LG

“ *Linda, Gary and Ron-Jay Gage purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



Linda, Gary and Ron-Jay Gage - September 09, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Colonel Richard F. Carvell.*



September 09, 2020 at 03:33 PM