

CSM (Ret) James S. Brownfield

October 29, 1926 - February 26, 1999

Funeral for retired Command Sergeant Major James S. Brownfield, 72, Lawton, will be at 11 am Tuesday in St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Richard Mayer, pastor, and the Rev. Hermann Mayer, assistant pastor, officiating. Retired Command Sergeant Major Brownfield died Friday, February 26, 1999 in a local hospital. Burial with military honors will be at Fort Sill Post Cemetery under direction of Becker Funeral Home.

He was born October 29, 1926, in Ponca City. He graduated from Ponca City High School. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1943. He attended Oklahoma A&M College under the Army Specialized Training Program. He married Hannelore Melck February 9, 1962 in Hanau am Main, Germany. He served combat tours in World War II; Korea and Vietnam. He retired in 1972 at Fort Sill. Combat tours were with 1st, 9th, and 25th infantry divisions. He also served with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th armored divisions; 11th Airborne Division; 3rd Infantry Division; and the 3rd Corps Artillery, plus service with combat and aviation engineer units and military intelligence units. He graduated from Army Language School (Russian) in 1956. He served as Russian Area Specialist with military intelligence. He graduated from Cameron University in 1977 after earning his Bachelor of Science in Business. He was employed by Oklahoma State Employment Service (WIN Program) from 1972-1975. He was employed by the U.S. Treasury Department (IRS) as a field auditor and instructor. He retired in 1988. He taught classes at Great Plains Area Vo-Tech and at Fort Sill VITA program.

His awards and decorations include: Combat Infantry Badge; Parachute and Glider Badge; Bronze Star, with five Oak Leaf Clusters; Air Medal, two awards; Army Commendation Medal, two awards; Meritorious Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal, eight awards; Occupation Medal (Germany and Japan); National Defense Service Medal, two awards; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, with palm; Theater medals include: American Theater; Asiatic Pacific, with two Battle Stars; Vietnam Service Medal; Philippine Liberation, with Battle Stars; Korean Service Medal with Battle Stars. He was inducted into the Order of Saint Barbara. He also received the Presidential Unit Citation from United States, Philippines and Korea. He was serving his third tour of duty as Honorary Sergeant Major, 5th Field Artillery Regiment Alexander Hamilton.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Patrick S. Brownfield, Alamosa, Colo.; a daughter, Connie A. Douglas, Lawton; three sisters: Virginia Lone Allgood, Joshua, Texas; Ruby Marie Harland, Poteau; and Bonnie Jean Martin, Enid; two brothers: A. Wayne Brownfield; and Danny Joe Brownfield, both of Ponca City; and a granddaughter, Cassandra Lynn Brownfield, Trinidad, Colo. He was preceded in death by a brother, John Brownfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Organ Fund, St. John Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society, Comanche County Unit 1305 W. Gore, Lawton, Oklahoma, 73501.

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