

SFC (Ret) James Grady Flowers

January 30, 1936 - May 6, 2008



Funeral for retired Sgt. 1st Class James Grady Flowers, 72, Lawton, will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday in Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Cliff Gravitt officiating. Sgt. 1st Class Flowers died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at his home in Lawton. The cause of death is unknown. Burial with full military honors will be in Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin.

He was born January 30, 1936, in LaGrange, Ga., to Silver Jr. and Lady Russell Flowers. He enlisted in the Army after graduating from high school. He married Tsuneko Kudaka on April 7, 1964, in Okinawa.

He served in the United States Army for twenty years with three tours of duty in Vietnam retiring on August 28, 1975 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was awarded the Purple Heart (2nd Award) and was a Prisoner of War in Cambodia. He retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He was also a Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America Lawton Chapter 751. He was a Lawton resident for 33 years. Funeral services were conducted in the Becker Funeral Home Chapel in Lawton with the Reverend Cliff Gravitt, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters: Elaine Copeland, Dallas, Ga.; and Denise Long, Richmond, Texas; two sons and daughters-in-law: Dale and Helen Flowers, Katy, Texas; and Jerry and Ashley Flowers, Edmond; 11 grandchildren: Trevela Erturk, Erica Jennings, Zachery Flowers, Quentin Flowers, Brandon Flowers, Tevin Long, Bryce Flowers, Malachi Walton, Skylar Flowers, Jacobie Flowers and Chloe Flowers; two greatgrandchildren; a sister, Helen Gilmore, Dayton, Ohio; and lifetime friends, Everett and Jeanette Hairston. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and a sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Oklahoma, 3617 NW 58th St. Suite 101, Oklahoma City 73112.

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