



William Closs

August 17, 1931 - October 14, 2010

WILLIAM ROOREBACH CLOSS, LTC, USA (retired), age 79, died on October 14, 2010, at his home in Manassas, Virginia. He was born on August 17, 1931, in Sparta, New Jersey, son of the late Edwin and Ruth (Anderson) Closs.

Bill Closs was a devoted Catholic and a true family man, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. His life was significant to many people, but most of all to his large extended family. Bill touched many lives and everyone he touched was positively impacted. He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served our nation for 22 years, with service that included multiple tours in Vietnam and overseas. During Bill's distinguished career, he received many awards to include the Bronze Star.

He was preceded in death by his son, Eric, his parents, two sisters, one brother and his first wife, Alice Gray Closs. Survivors include his loving wife of 30 years, COL (retired) Virginia Marie Closs of Manassas, Virginia; seven children: James Closs of Hampton, Virginia; Leslie Blessing and husband, James, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; COL Thomas Closs and wife, Christina, of Richmond, Kentucky; Patrick Closs and wife, Alisa, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Tyler Closs and wife, Susannah, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Susan Suckfiel and husband, Eric, of Bristow, Virginia; Michelle Closs of Manassas, Virginia; 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia, on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., where a rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. A memorial mass will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, Virginia, on Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 10:00 AM with Rev. Francis J. Peffley officiating. A Mass of Christian burial will be said at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on January 20 at 3:00 p.m. with full military honors.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Building Fund, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, Virginia 20155, in loving memory of LTC William R. Closs.

Tribute Wall

MN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mark Naujoks - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MJ

“ *Our prayers are with you!*

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jones - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

KM

“ *It is with heavy hearts that we send our thoughts and prayers.*

Keith and Jodi Morrison - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

BS

“ *The Schneider family wishes you the best during this difficult time.*

Brandt Schneider - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

BR

“ *Dawn and I would like to express our sympathy for the loss of LTC(R) Closs. I only met him once and am honored to be introduced and say I shook his hand. He was truly a great American and served his country well. He will be missed by many.*

Bob and Dawn Remus - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

BB

“ *Susan-
I'm so sorry for your loss. It's particularly hard when you are so close-- as I know you have been to your Dad.
You are in my prayers.*

Bill Blair - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

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“ Susan & Family: Do stop and meet/greet everyone. They will each share a memory, treasures for you to store of this wonderful man who was your father and so much more.

Dan and I thank your family for his service to our country - Peace, Hope and Love to you and your family at this special time.

Listen to Rich Mullin's Song: Peace A Communion Blessing from St. Joseph's Square.

<http://new.music.yahoo.com/rich-mullins/tracks/peace-a-communion-blessing-from-st-josephs-square--14384767>

Shelley Kay Weinman (Ross) - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

PS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss of Bill.*

Pam Schneider - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

RG

“ *My condolences to the family during this difficult time. Revelation 21:3,4 holds out a comforting hope.*

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