



Bradley Magness

March 2, 1951 - May 11, 2018

Brad Magness, of Terrell, passed away peacefully with family at his side on the morning of May 11, 2018. Brad was born March 2, 1951 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to James Frank and Jimmie (Holland) Magness, both of whom preceded him in death.

Brad grew up with a strong foundation in service to others that had been instilled in him as a young boy growing up in East Texas and serving as a boy scout. His first job was at a Brookshire's grocery store where he worked while attending Longview High School. He graduated high school in 1969 and went on to attend Texas Tech University. He was accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he participated in their boxing program and graduated with the class of 1974 to become a lifelong member of "The Long Gray Line".

The leadership skills and academic expectations levied at military college enabled Brad to continue to serve honorably for six years as an infantry officer. In the Army, Brad completed the Armor Officer Basic Course, and served with the 1st Armored Division at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He then completed Ranger School at Ft. Benning, Georgia to earn his Ranger Tab and Parachute Badge. His overseas service included armor bases in Germany and at the DMZ in South Korea. He continuously built onto his knowledge of leadership skills and attained the rank of Captain before leaving the military at Ft. Riley, Kansas to join the private sector.

He was employed with Schlumberger where he worked at various oil fields throughout Texas. Eventually he joined General Dynamics (now EFW of Elbit Systems) as an electronics engineer. He worked at EFW and made many lasting friendships with coworkers there. He made the work commute from Terrell to Fort Worth until his formal retirement as a senior test engineer in 2017.

Military history with a focus on the Civil War, fascinated Brad. He would voraciously read books and watch documentaries about a myriad of military history subjects. He also loved watching old Westerns, such as *The Rifleman* and *Gunsmoke*, throughout his life. He

enjoyed keeping busy and working on, and with, anything mechanical or electrical that needed to be fixed. He loved dogs and had many throughout his life. His Brittany Spaniel Gypsy, held a special place in his heart alongside the many memories of hunting in East Texas and Kansas.

He will be missed by all those who knew him. Brad is survived by his sons: Alex Magness and wife, Julie, of Terrell and Nathan Magness of Terrell; daughter, Julie Anne Magness of Terrell; grandchildren: Gracie, Alexis, Natalie, Korben, Alexander, Aubrey and Samantha; siblings: Frank Magness and wife, Linda, Kathy Denton and husband, Paul, and Glenn Magness and wife, Jaton as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Funeral service will be 1:00 pm Saturday May 19, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church 503 W. College St. Terrell. Interment will follow at Oakland Memorial Park with military honors. Family will receive friends 6 pm to 8 pm Friday, May 18, at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. For those wishing, memorials in honor of Brad can be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
503 W. College St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Bradley Magness*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

WB

“ *Brad and I were in the same cadet company for four years at West Point. He was a great friend, a good man, and exactly what one would expect of a true Texan-- straightforward, loyal and tough as nails. I know his passing leaves a hole in the hearts of his family and community. I pray he will rest in peace and am glad I had a chance to know him.*

William M. Bransford - July 27, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JJ

“ *Pride of the Corps, '74 Grip Hands!*



Jay J - July 25, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bradley Magness.*



May 18, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - May 18, 2018 at 02:03 PM

DH

“ So appreciative of Captain Magness's service to our country!
So awesome to hear of his West Point graduation and military career. I can relate somewhat, as I was an Army Captain for a period of time also..
Prayers go out to the family and friends for their loss (and heaven's gain)
d Huffman, vet, PGR member and Chaplain...

Don Huffman - May 17, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bradley Magness.



May 16, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bradley Magness.



May 14, 2018 at 03:40 PM