



Arvin Malcom Briscoe, Jr.

August 30, 1935 - March 21, 2018

Funeral services for Arvin Malcom Briscoe, Jr., age 82, of Decatur, will be Saturday, March 24, 2018, 3:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. Blake Kersey and Mr. Ray Solley officiating. The family will receive friends for two hours prior to service in the chapel. Interment will be in Ryan Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Briscoe, who died Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at Decatur Morgan Hospital, was born August 30, 1935, in Blount County to Arvin Malcom Briscoe, Sr. and Daisy Shelton Briscoe. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Briscoe was a Master Sergeant in the Green Berets, and served for 21 years with the 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 10th, and 77th Special Forces Groups. He was an Airborne Instructor and Rigger who trained cadets and founded the Skydiving Competition Team at West Point Military Academy, served three tours in Vietnam, and was awarded multiple medals, including the Bronze and Silver Stars. After retiring from the Army, he and his wife owned and operated Briscoe Steel Erectors. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Alabama Special Forces Chapter 92, and enjoyed many hobbies, including camping and restoring antique vehicles.

He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia Latham Briscoe of Decatur; one daughter, Deborah House (Tom) of Athens; one brother, James Briscoe (Nedra) of Gastonia, NC; two sisters, Joan Humphries of Hulaco, and Linda Solley (Ray) of Decatur; two grandchildren, Virginia Hathcock (Myles) of Woodridge, IL, and Tommy House (Caitlin) of Pensacola, FL; four great-granddaughters, Caroline and Amelia Hathcock, and Hadley and Piper House; and several nephews and nieces.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses of Decatur Morgan Hospital ICU for their kindness and compassionate care of Mr. Briscoe.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to the Committee on Church Cooperation, 119 1st Avenue, N.E., Decatur, AL 35601.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. B. The single most influential person in my life. Just a ten year old boy, whos parents just so happened to be renting the property on spring Avenue from Mr Solly. Where you stored your camper and worked on old cars and tractors that you saw potential in. I would come running anytime I saw your dodge truck coming down the driveway to work the garden or fix something. I wanted to be right there to hold a flashlight or hand you a wrench. To hear your stories and learn about ingenuity. How to work smarter and not harder. So much id like to say to you. Mostly just want to shake your hand one last time and say thank you. REST IN PEACE SIR!*

Respectfully, Charles



Charles Battle - June 12, 2024 at 02:09 PM

HS

“ *Fair winds and following seas Master Sergeant. We have the watch now. Semper Fi!*



Hugh Sovik - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ *We think often of the great times when camping with you at Mountain Lakes Resort.*



O W & Doris Chandler - March 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I looked up to you to the degree I could hardly see your head.....you towered above men.*



Frank - March 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *A PEDESTAL ARRANGEMENT was ordered on March 23, 2018*



Expression of Sympathy - March 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM