



LT. COL. CHARLES WILLIS GOODSON

June 3, 2015

Obituary of LT. COL. CHARLES GOODSON

Lt. Col. Charles Willis "Billy" Goodson, Ret., 77, of Umatilla passed away June 3rd

2015. He was born in Branford, FL (Suwannee County) in 1937, and moved to Umatilla, from Bunnell in 1942. He attended elementary and high school in Umatilla, before attending The Citadel in Charleston, SC. Billy was a retired Army aviator (Master Aviator), having served over 30 years in both the U.S. Army and Marines. He served two tours in Vietnam as a UH-1 helicopter pilot, flying both gunship and medivac missions. After retirement from the military, he was hired as the General Manager of Frupor, a Norwegian-owned agricultural firm in Portugal. After seven years overseas employment, he returned home to serve his community. He was a former mayor and city council president for Umatilla, served on the Board of Directors (past President) for Sunrise Arc, a member of Umatilla Masonic Lodge No. 65, Umatilla Kiwanis Club, associate with Beyers Funeral Home, and attended the First Baptist Church of Umatilla.

Survivors include his wife: Martha D. Goodson; son: Charles D. "Chuck" Goodson (Pam); daughter: Audrey L. Goodson, all of Umatilla; and his

beloved granddaughter: Chloe Elise Goodson, Haines, Alaska.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 Sunday, June 7th, at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla with Rev. Brooks Braswell officiating. Interment will follow at the Umatilla Cemetery Annex, where he will be laid to rest beside his mother and father (Audrey S. Goodson and Charles P. Goodson). The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 6th from 6-8 at Beyers Funeral Home in Umatilla. In Lieu of flowers, donations to The Arc Sunrise of Central Florida (35201 Radio Road, Leesburg, FL 34788) would be sincerely appreciated. Billy was a tireless advocate for Sunrise Arc and it was an organization dear to his heart. Online condolences can be made at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

"Go tell the Spartans"...

Tribute Wall

ES

“ Dear Martha and family, I was very sorry for your loss, and my prayers are with all of you. Billy was such a great person, and I enjoyed his visits when he was at Jack Austin's fernery where I worked. Its not an easy road to go on without a loved one, but with God,s help it gets easier. Love & Prayers, Edna

Edna Snavely - June 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Martha and family---so very sorry to read about Billy's passing. We were not aware that you were living in Umatilla and we were that close to you. We live in Orlando and we are deeply saddened to learn that he had passed. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. We are traveling for the summer and will return to Orlando in the fall and give you a call. Billy was a great Soldier and a great Man and he will be dearly missed. We wish you all the best---sincerely---Terry and Bobbie Fiest

Terry and Bobbie Fiest - June 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ My thoughts and prayers go with the Goodson family. Finally Billy is a peace and is without pain. What a hard time he had these past 5 months. Martha, you are such a wonderful wife! I hope that I can always be such a wife for my husband.

Arlene Daniels - June 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My sincerest condolences to Martha and Billy's family. I was so glad to have visited Billy before his passing and know he heard my words of deep appreciation for the man he was and the role model he provided for all of us who are committed to the mission of Sunrise ARC. Billy always expressed his deep appreciation of the work of fellow Board members, not realizing it was his light that inspired us. Billy's legacy to all of us is the art of living a good life. God bless his soul and his legacy. Maya Angelou, the Sweetness of Charity: "When we cast our bread upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream whose face we will never know will benefit from our action, as we who are downstream from another will profit from the grantor's gift. If we change the way we think of charity, our personal lives will be richer and the larger world will be improved. When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, we are all blessed." Thank you Billy. Rest in peace in the light of the Lord.

Deborah Brodbeck - June 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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DR

“ *Dear Martha ,Chuck and Audrey : Please receive the condolence of Shirey and I for the loss of our dear friend, Billy your husband and father. Although Shirley and I had known your husband and father a few years it did not take long to recognize him as a great man and a wonderful friend, husband and father. He and I shared a lot of time together sharing life's experiences both good and not so. He truly was a man of God who loved and served God, his family his country and many others as a honorable person should do. Shirley and I have been praying for him and you all and will continue to do so. We all know that he is at home with the Lord and we meet him again. May God continue to bless you all and help you through this sad but glorious time. Dr. Lou and Shirley Radnothy*

Dr. Lou & Shirley radnothy - June 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Mr. Goodson was a honorable man who loved his family and worked tirelessly for equal rights for the handicapped, served his country honorably....he will be missed greatly...RIP, Col. Goodson, Ret.*

Pat Bush (Donald Bush sister) Freeman - June 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PO

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Sonia Kling - June 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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SM

“ Dear family and friends of Billy, What a wonderful and useful life he had. His service to God and country are greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing Billy with Our Lord. May the love of many help you in this time of sorrows. Your sister in Christ, Suzanne Marlow

Suzanne Marlow - June 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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BM

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to you all at this time. Billy was a dear friend, and will be missed by all of us that grew up in Umatilla with him. Umatilla, as well, will miss Billy and his love for his hometown and his fellowman.

Billy and Carol Merrill - June 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Michael and Linda Brown - June 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." 2Tim. 4:7 (NLT) He fought for his wife and was faithful to her; He fought for his children and was faithful to them; He fought for his country and was faithful to her; He fought for his community and was faithful to it; He fought for his life and was faithful to God; He fought for his salvation and God is faithful to him. We love you and will miss you Uncle Billy, but we also rejoice with you in heavenly places. Our love and prayers are with you Aunt Martha, Audrey, Chuck, Pam and Chloe, that you would tangibly feel the presence of the Lord today and always-His Presence is His Peace. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all." 2Thess. 3:16 (ESV) All of our Love in Christ Jesus, Michael and Linda Brown

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David and Pauline Brown - June 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“*Goodbye dear friend. We shall meet once again but in the meantime let me grieve and mourn a bit.*”

John Askew - June 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DU

“*Thank you, for everything.*”

Dustin - June 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“*"Precious in the sight of The Lord is the death of his faithful servants." Psalm 116:15 NIV Uncle Bill was a good and faithful servant. Love you more than you can ever say! Prayers for peace and comfort for you, Aunt Martha, CG, Pam, Audrey, and Chloe. Hugs and kisses, David and Pauline Brown*”

David and Pauline Brown - June 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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