



Pvt. Burbridge Payne

September 17, 2006

Pvt. William Burbridge "Will" Payne IV, age 23, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 17, 2006 in a Norfolk, Va. hospital following a brief illness. He was born in Richlands, Va., on Aug. 9, 1983 and was the son of Karen Harris of Bristol, Virginia and William B. Payne III of Richlands, Virginia. He had made his home in the Richlands, Virginia area all of his life and was a graduate of Richlands High School Class of 2001 and he was an AIM Scholar. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 2004, completing basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. He was stationed for 16 months in Seoul, South Korea, where he was a communications specialist and had recently been transferred to Ft. Lee in Petersburg, Va. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, William B. Jr. and Isabelle Payne; and maternal grandfather, Clyde Ferrell. Survivors are: Father, William B. Payne III of Richlands; mother, Karen Harris of Bristol, Va.; sister, Chloe Blayne Harris and brother, Duane Edward "Baby" Harris II, both of Bristol, Va.; maternal grandmother, Ruth C. Ferrell of Cedar Bluff; aunt, Penny McAmis and husband, Don, of Richlands; uncle, Rick Ferrell and wife, Colleen, of Cedar Bluff; cousins, Travis Hankins, Jonathan and Justin McAmis, Halley and Evan Ferrell; and many friends. Military graveside rites will be conducted Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 2:00pm at the Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Princeton, West Virginia with the Rev. Dennis Hoffman officiating. Pallbearers will be Dustin Hamoy, Jeremy Waldron, Les Barrett, Galen Godbey, E.W. Griffith and Jimmy Stillwell. The family will receive friends on Friday, September 22, 2006 from 6:00pm until

9:00pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. Those wishing to attend military graveside rites on Saturday are asked to meet at the funeral home at 12:30pm to follow the procession to the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Richlands Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 446, Richlands, Virginia 24641.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pvt. Burbridge Payne*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Pvt. Burbridge Payne*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM

SH

“ I am not sure where to start or even what to say, but here we go...This is a LONG time overdue, but after countless times trying to reach Will's father and not being able to get through, this is the only place where I can express my complete and sincere condolences to his family and friends. PVT Will "the thrill" Payne was assigned to my section and given the fact that I was the Section chief at the time, he was "my" soldier. Him and I really did not see eye-to-eye at first on many things and as a direct result of that, we did not care for each other at first either. This quickly changed, in a very short period of time, and before long him and I became more friends than Supervisor/soldier. He was a type of guy that was just really cool to be around and always was good for a laugh. As we became closer, we hung out more...even took a few trips to Thailand together,...Will, myself, and Aaron Elzy. I would have to say that Will and Aaron were about as close as brothers are while here in Korea, absolutely inseparable. If you have not heard from Aaron, I am sure it is just because of his shock and grief. I spoke with him shortly after Will left and he was a complete mess...as was I. I am happy to say I was with him his last night here in Korea and am also happy to say that we had a blast! I will cherish that time and many others for the rest of my time on this planet. I cannot close this without saying that he was one of the, if not the best, soldiers I have ever had...He was not all that crazy about the Army at times, but always did what he was told, was where he was supposed to be when he was supposed to be there, and one of the smartest guy's we had on our team here in Korea. I will miss him as a soldier, but more importantly as the Man that he was..RIP.

SSG Leo Hernandez
U.S. ARMY, KOREA

SSG Leo Hernandez - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AE

Will was my brother, I miss him.

Aaron Elzy - March 22, 2020 at 02:47 AM

BS

“ *i am sorry to hear about the loss of will.i hadnt seen him since i graduated in 1999,but i played baseball with him in little league and senior league.he always was real quite in baseball and in school.when i found out about his loss it shocked me i didnt even know he had joined the military. i am sure the family is devastated but he is in a better place now and will be waiting on his family to join him in heaven.*

benjamin simmons - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Will,
Since pre-school we've known each other we played everyday rain or shine out in the churchyard by my mom's house. I remember you were the first boy that I ever kissed! We didn't know what we were doing and were scared too death! We were only 11 or 12 yrs old! But since we were 3 we had been best friends although we drifted apart after graduating. You will ALWAYS hold a special place in my HEART!! To Bill and Karen: I am so very sorry for your loss, now that i have a child of my own i could not imagine. May GOD be with you both and comfort you every step of the way!!
Love & Prayers,
Myra M Reynolds*

Myra Marie Reynolds - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ To the family of
Pvt. William Burbridge "Will" Pane IV

Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sadness. We honor your son for his service to our country.

*God Bless - from Jacksonville, FL
formally from War, WV*

H. Lambert - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *I Would Like To Start By Saying That I Am So Saddened By This Lost, Will Was A Great Person And A StandUp Guy, And All The Other People That Knew Will Would Say The Same. To The Family Of This Incredible Person I Would Just Like To Tell Them To Stay Strong and keep ya head up, as you will stay in my prayers and thoughts.*

The Reynolds Family - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Bill, Karen, and Family Members, Just to let you know each of you are in our prayers. Although we did not know Will very well, we do know he was a treasured jewel. God Bless each of you and Love always.*

Mike, Marquetta, and Jayne

Mike and Marquetta Richardson - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We just wanted you to know we share in sorrow over the loss of your son. Will was like part of our family. We enjoyed the times he spent in our home. He and Jerimi were the closest of friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Karen Waldron - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ we are very sorry for your loss . you all are in our prayers. i remember will when he was younger he and matthew played scoocer together many years ago we will be praying for you all love and prayers the joyce s

joann joyce - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Bill and Karen, I cannot begin to imagine the pain, hurt, loss, etc that you are experiencing. I was in such shock to hear that one of my baby cousins had lost his life. It puts a lot into perspective in my life and makes me realize what family means and how important each part is, no matter how often we see each other. I know that Will was the light of your life and will be sorely missed. Please know that you are in our prayers and that we wish we could be there with you during this most difficult time. We love each of you. May God bless you and comfort you. Love Always!

Leigh (Richardson) Underwood - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Karen and Bill,

Both Rhonda and I were so shocked, and saddened to read of Will's death. We just want you to know, though it was many years ago, we have always loved and cherished the days we were able to care for your son in our home.

We will have our church hold you and your family up in prayer.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation..."

*Love and Prayers,
Rev. Rick Grinstead and wife Rhonda*

Rick & Rhonda Grinstead - September 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM