



Richard L. Bratcher

January 14, 1958 - July 10, 2013

Richard L. Bratcher, age 55, of Springdale, AR died Wednesday July 10th 2013 in Springdale. Richard was born January 14, 1958 in Las Cruces, New Mexico to Leo and Ruby (Hobbs) Bratcher. He is survived by his parents of Heber Springs, AR; his loving wife, Lynn (Kelley) Bratcher of the home; one son, Trenton Bratcher and wife Naomi of Springdale; two brothers, Jerry Bratcher of Springdale, AR and David Bratcher of Heber Springs, AR; 2 step-children, seven grandchildren, a host of great friends, and his military brothers.

Richard was a proud member of the Army National Guard for 24 years before retiring as a Staff Sergeant. He served in Desert Storm with the Battery B, 1st Battalion, 142nd Field Artillery Brigade and received a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement as well as The Army Achievement Medal.

His son Trent, his military service, and his grandchildren were among the things that he was most proud of. Richard will always be remembered for his big personality, wild imagination, vivid story telling, and ability to make everyone smile and laugh. Richard loved to give his friends and family special nicknames, which will always be remembered. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **14.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Westfield Chapel Funeral Home
3236 West Huntsville Avenue
Springdale, AR

Service

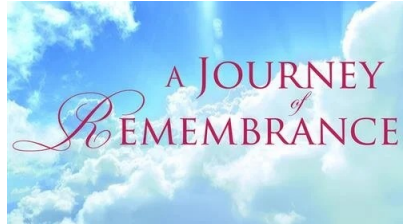
JUL **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Westfield Chapel
3236 W. Huntsville Avenue
Springdale, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Westfield Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L. Bratcher*



Westfield Chapel - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Lynn, I'm so sorry that I wasn't at Richards service. He was a very close friend when we were growing up. We shared many great times together and I'm thankful for those memories. He always brought a smile to every thing he did and he was one of the most caring men I've ever known. If there is anything I can do to help you please let me know. Also, I really enjoyed the video. Sincerely, Mark Davis

Sincerely Mark##imported-begin##Mark Davis##imported-end##

August 10, 2013 at 08:26 AM



“ *The world is now missing a truly great man. RIP
Bratcher##imported-begin##Robert Varhalla##imported-end##*

July 22, 2013 at 10:03 AM



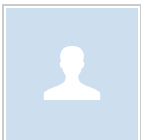
“ *I dearly loved Rick, he was my nephew. I watched him grow from a tiny tot that loved horses and little toy soldiers into a great man that continued loving horses and became one of those soldiers he always dreamed about and admired. Rick was there if you needed him. He dearly loved his family. He was so proud of you Trent and when he talked about his grandchildren, he just beamed. No doubt about him loving his wife and his country. He is going to be missed. My love and prayers to all his family. Aunt Jean##imported-begin##Jean Bolinger##imported-end##*

July 17, 2013 at 10:49 PM



“ *Lynn, I am so sorry for your loss, Richard was a great co-worker. He will be missed greatly. My wife and I are praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Keith Wells##imported-end##*

July 15, 2013 at 03:46 PM



“ *Lynn I am so sorry for your loss. Will be praying for you and your family in this time of sorrow. Richard was a great guy to work with. I love hearing his storying he told and he talked about his grand kids all the time. and when we adopted our son he treated him just like one of his own when he was at the office with me.##imported-begin##Amanda Cousins##imported-end##*

July 15, 2013 at 12:23 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of your beloved Richard. Heartfelt sympathy & prayers extended to the entire family. May The Lord comfort your hearts.##imported-begin##Damita Teague Grigg##imported-end##

July 15, 2013 at 10:58 AM



“ Bratch was a geat guy, and was an honor to serve with him in the Guard, a great section chief and friend.##imported-begin##Ron and Darla Hritz##imported-end##

July 14, 2013 at 06:46 PM



“ We are praying for you and your family. Ricky was my second cousin. My mother was aunt Etta's sister. Ricky was such a sweet guy.##imported-begin##Debbie Whaley Skaggs##imported-end##

July 14, 2013 at 04:36 PM



“ I came in early every morning to hear his stories from the day before. he loved his grand children and I feel like I know them through his stories. he was a leader, a teacher, and my best friend.##imported-begin##lance hill##imported-end##

July 14, 2013 at 01:06 PM



“ Lynn, my prayers are going out to you and the rest of the family. Richard was a wonderful co-worker but most of all a good friend. He was a joy to work with and be around. May God keep his hands around you as you prepare to say goodbye.###imported-begin##Kim Holmes###imported-end##

July 13, 2013 at 08:38 PM



“ My prayers go out to Ricks family. I have known Rick and his mom, dad, brothers for many years .###imported-begin##Michael Hale###imported-end##

July 13, 2013 at 10:58 AM