



## CSM LeRoy Wilbur Fritzen US Army

July 29, 1931 - December 18, 2018

CSM LeRoy Wilbur Fritzen, US Army, Retired, passed away on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Mr. Fritzen was born on July 29, 1931, in Michigan City, Indiana, to the late LeRoy W. and Isabel (Christenson) Fritzen. He was married to Treva Mae Sliger on August 9, 1952, and their love endured for sixty-three years until her death on November 12, 2015. Together they raised three daughters, Theresa (deceased), Brenda (Joe) Helms and Ramona.

Inducted into the U.S. Army in August 1952, he attended training at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He was then assigned to the 62 nd Anti-Aircraft Battalion, Grafenwoehr, Germany. Upon release from active duty, he immediately joined the U.S. Army Reserve. His numerous assignments included infantry, field artillery, USAR School and military police units.

Promoted to Sergeant Major in 1977, SGM Fritzen was then appointed to Command Sergeant Major in 1980. His retirement from the 400th MP POW Camp came upon reaching thirty-five years of service. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Third Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with Device, Army Occupational Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 10 Year Device. Upon release from active duty, Mr. Fritzen was employed by the Farm Bureau Co-Op which included sales of Oliver Farm Equipment. In October 1970, he began his Civil Service Career as a small arms repairman. His Civil Service employment later included administrative and training positions served concurrently with his military service. Mr. Fritzen retired from Civil Service on March 31, 1993.

While working full time and serving in the USAR, Mr. Fritzen attended night classes at Lively Vo-Tech in cabinet making/woodworking. Upon his civilian retirement, Mr. Fritzen worked in a home maintenance/repair business. He was a Life Member in the Handyman Club of America. He spent many hours in his home workshop crafting woodworking projects.

LeRoy leaves behind daughters, Brenda and Ramona; siblings, Eleanor Huenecke, Eloise Bush, Diane (George) Glassman and Charles (Shirley) Fritzen. LeRoy also leaves behind grandchildren, Christine Mills, Kali Mills (Nate), Robert (Lauren) Helms, Kathrinne Helms, Cynthia Helms (Adam) and Timothy Helms; great-grandchildren, Jasmine Landers

(Ethan), Savannah McLoughlin, Dominique Escamilla, Lulayla Allan, twins, Robert Helms, Jr. and Evelyn Helms; and a great-great-granddaughter, Bree McLoughlin. He also leaves behind his cherished cat Tuxedo.

Preceding him in death in addition to daughter, Theresa, is his sister, Betty Fritzen and his granddaughter, Jennifer McLoughlin.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to Miranda with Hopewell In-Home Senior Care and Patrice and Terry with Covenant Care Hospice for all the extended support they provided. They would also like to recognize Dr. Whit Oliver for his years of medical care.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 2:00 PM, Friday, December 28, 2018, at Abbey Funeral Home with the funeral service beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment with full military honors will immediately follow at Tallahassee Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either Covenant Care Hospice or ECAH Animals, Inc. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery

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## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL, 32303

# Events

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**DEC 28** Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Abbey Funeral Home  
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**DEC 28** Service 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Miranda Caldwell lit a candle in memory of CSM LeRoy Wilbur Fritzen US Army



Miranda Caldwell - December 29, 2018 at 10:35 AM

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“ CSM Fritzen was always a gentleman and a true Soldier. He was passionate and a true team player. He taught me how to be a leader and compassionate trainer. I will be indebted to him for showing me how to be a Soldier. May he be a Heavenly Soldier therefore I salute you. To the family, I share my condolences.

sylvia henderson - December 28, 2018 at 04:39 PM

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“ I will always remember my Uncle LeRoy has being a kind man. While growing up it seemed like our families were never able to spend as much time together as we wanted but when we were together, I remember him as being a loving, caring and compassionate man to his wife, children, and extended family. I always remember the huge RV's that they drove which signaled that they had finally arrived to visit. I remember how he spoke of his love for his country and how he honored that love by his service. I cannot be there today to celebrate his life but Im there in spirit. My thoughts and prayers are also there with you all today. May you find comfort in the saving graces of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the knowledge that we will all see him again in the Sweet Bye and Bye.

Evelyn Jean Sliger Self - December 28, 2018 at 12:37 PM

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“ LeRoy was the most important mentor in my military career as well as a personal friend. I met him as a new 1SG with the 810th MP Co. And benefited from his guidance as the CSM of the 400th MP PW Camp in two other MP companies, battalion staff and also in becoming a CSM. CSM LeRoy Fritzen was a consummate soldier and professional who positively affected the careers of many soldiers, NCOs and Officers. CSM(R) Terry Meek

Terry Meek - December 28, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of CSM LeRoy Wilbur Fritzen US Army.



December 28, 2018 at 10:54 AM

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“ I met LeRoy on board the U.S.S. George Washington CVN-73. The ship held a friends and family cruise and my best friend Kathrinne Helms brought him and her family on board. He was a great man and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Thank you for your service, Leroy.

Denise Ball (United States Navy, Retired)

Denise Ball - December 28, 2018 at 10:21 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your dad and you today all our love, John and Laura

John Hadcock - December 28, 2018 at 08:09 AM

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“ I have many memories of the times I spent with Uncle LeRoy and Aunt Treva at their home in Rolling Prairie. My best memory of LeRoy is when I came with my family to Florida for the very first time and he took us to the ocean. He also took us to an alligator farm which was the first time for me seeing them up that close. Thank you Uncle Leroy for that experience. Your pain and suffering are over. R.I.P Uncle LeRoy

Carla Kemiel - December 28, 2018 at 07:49 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of CSM Fritzen during my years in the Army Reserve. He was always kind, knowledgeable and willing to help anyone with a problem. I am sorry to read this news. I wish to say to Brenda, Joey and the children, he was a man of many principles and a good man. I wish I could be there but I have to go to Atlanta to see my son who is in the hospital. Be assured that I am thinking of you all.

Marsha (Strickland) Whittaker, SSG USAR

Marsha Whittaker - December 26, 2018 at 10:44 PM

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“ My military experience after basic training started with the 400th MP company. CSM Fritzen was one of the first people I came in contact with in the military because I started my career in the Army Reserves.

I know his passing has dampened the familie's Christmas & they will all miss him.

I would like to take this opportunity say how much he will be missed by all the people who worked along with LeRoy. As with all the good people I have been fortunate enough to meet LeRoy's spirit is still with us from all the good, being carried on in the lives of the people he touched.

I am thankful to have known him & his example helped me raise my children.

Again I offer my condolences on your loss.

SSG (Ret) David W. Stich

david stich - December 26, 2018 at 09:25 PM

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“ Kathi Huenecke lit a candle in memory of CSM LeRoy Wilbur Fritzen US Army



Kathi Huenecke - December 24, 2018 at 07:20 PM

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“ Carla Kemiell lit a candle in memory of CSM LeRoy Wilbur Fritzen US Army



Carla Kemiell - December 23, 2018 at 05:06 PM

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“ Remembering when I was a kid, Uncle LeRoy took all of us kids, to the ocean to look for Sea Shells, to this day we still have them. R.I.P. Uncle LeRoy

Kathi Huenecke - December 23, 2018 at 03:58 PM