



Girard Forrest Bordine
September 12, 1944-March 22, 2015

Girard (Jerry) Forrest Bordine, joined the Army at the age of 18; fought in the Vietnam War in 1967 and 1968 as a helicopter gunner and was the only surviving member of a helicopter crash. As he tells it, he doesn't remember jumping when the helicopter crashed; he spent the next nine months in Okinawa Japan in a body cast.

There are pictures of him on stage with the singer, Anita Bryant at a USO show and on film letters from Vietnam where he met Miss India and was interviewed by the Bob Hope Christmas Show.

He received the following commendations: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Bars (3) Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon(3), NCO Professional Development Ribbon. He retired in 1984 as Master Sergeant E-8 Combat Engineer with 22 years of service. He then had his own upholstery and wood working business in DeRidder for 4 years after which he was an Overseas civilian worker: Cleared American Embassy Guard, El Salvador, Belgium, Moscow, Russia and Brown and Root Corp as construction Supervisor in Iraq, Kosovo and Haiti.

He was a loving husband to Dolly (Dolores); Pops to son, Billy (Charlotte), dad to daughter Robin (Desmond) Memminger, PawPaw to grandchildren, Aaron (Dominique) Wroble, Shaun (Michele) Wroble, Chance (Torri) Bordine, Shelby (Aaron) Johnson and Felecia Memminger; great grandchildren, Delilah Lynn and McKenna Avery and Clayton Harland Forrest to be born July 2015; sisters, Gloria Bordine Hays(Robert), Becky Saucier(Steve), Linley Bordine Houseman(Wayne), Shane Bordine Albert; brother, James Elliott. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dulcie Elliot and Jack Forrest Bordine.

He became a Catholic convert in 1978 at St Michael Church in Leesville. He joined the Knights of Columbus Council #3857 of St Joseph Church and he and his son were 3rd and 4th degree Knights. He was an charter Abrazando Cristo Missionary , Perpetual Adorer and a true soldier of Christ.