



# George "Biff" "Woody" Woodward

August 7, 1944 - December 29, 2024

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. George B. Woodward died peacefully at his home on December 29, 2024.

George was born on August 7, 1944, to Frank and Sally Woodward. He graduated from Edison High School in 1962, and from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science Degree, on June 12, 1967.

A veteran of the United States Army, he served from November 1968 through June 1994. Lt. Col. Woodward is a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He served in the Army Special Forces as a Green Beret and was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

Lt. Col Woodward's friendship with his brothers-in-arms spanned decades. Forged from trust and reliance on one another, he firmly considered those brothers his first family as no greater bond exists than that forged in trust and in protecting each other's life during battle.

Accordingly, Lt. Col. Woodward is survived by:

U.S. Marines Retired Major Donald Brodie,  
U.S. Army Retired Command Sergeant Major David M. Dalton,  
U.S. Army Retired Captain Boyd L. Davis,  
U.S. Army Retired Major Lee M. Davis,  
U.S. Army Retired Captain Robert J. Eggle,  
U.S. Army Retired Colonel Mike Hess,  
U.S. Army Retired Colonel JL Kaplan Jr.,  
U.S. Navy Retired Petty Officer 1st Class Tim Quilter,  
U.S. Air Force Retired Lieutenant Colonel Curt Scott,  
U.S. Army Retired Captain James Smyth.

Many personally knew George B. Woodward as "Biff" or "Woody." He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of the City of Crown Point. He served as a Deacon. He was

a distinguished member the “Soup and Serenity” team and was also a vital part of the food pantry. His church friends include Pastor Joaquin Anabe Lopez, Janice, Jim, Jeanne, Donna, Joe, George, Bob W, Mike, Dave, JoAnne, Art, Phyllis, Evan, Bob, Kelly, Barbara, Amy, and Denise.

Woody enjoyed traveling, working on his yard or flower gardens, and just being at home with his loyal Boston Terrier, McDuff. He lived a beautiful life and is loved so dearly - Jerry, Shirley, Danny, Millie, Monte, George, Miguel, Tootsie, Frank Rosa, Tom, and Carrie.

“Good night sweet prince and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”

Visitation to be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Mark Wilkins, officiating. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery. Luncheon to follow at Innsbrook Country Club, 6710 Taft Street, Merrillville, Indiana, at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Disabled American Veterans at [www.DAV.org](http://www.DAV.org). [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 7.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## Funeral Service

**JAN 8.** 10:00 AM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

ST

“ I served with Woody both in Korea and at Ft. Stewart in the 1980s. He was a good friend and boss. I'm sorry we didn't keep in contact after that and sorry to hear of his passing.

Steve Tharp - December 16, 2025 at 08:45 PM

CB

“ LTC George “Biff” Woodward was my first Battalion Commander in 2d Battalion, 21st Infantry (Mechanized) in the 24th Infantry Division. He led With a passion and was an amazing mentor to the junior officers. God’s peace and comfort to the family and friends of this warrior.

COL(R) Scott Brown - February 28, 2025 at 07:02 AM

CP

“ Has anyone checked to see how Biff's wife of over 4 decades and daughter are doing?

chuck pohlman - January 27, 2025 at 07:27 PM

PP

Hello Chuck. This is an excellent question. Mr. Woodward walked away from his wife and daughter many years ago never to be heard from again!!! Brenda and Anna are amazing people! Despite Anna not having a father figure at all she is an excellent educator that is happily married and has 3 beautiful children! She tried to make contact with her father this past summer but he chose not to accept her calls. How does one walk away and never look back? I am interested to know your acquaintance with Mr. Woodward. Is it possible that you can provide some answers to years long questions from his wife and daughter?

Penny Palmer - January 29, 2025 at 08:32 PM

CM

“ Eternal rest grant unto him , O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace. Amen. 🙏❤️🕊️  
Woody, I know you and Sonny are have a lovely reunion in Heaven, playing basketball from your Army days at Fort Wainwright, Alaska or running in the Peachtree Road Race near Atlanta, Georgia. Forever loved and greatly missed.



Carol Milloy - January 14, 2025 at 06:18 PM

WW

“ Woody was a close friend and former student at Edison H.S.  
Wally Webb

Wally Webb - January 11, 2025 at 06:48 PM

HB

“ Another Comrade gone much too soon. There were 3 of us very close together in the Army G3 Special Operations Division down in the Pentagon basement back in the late 1980's-early 1990's, but now Woody and Max (Terrien) are among the "Absent Comrades" that we'll never forget within our cherished memories. RIP Buddy.  
Harvey Browne

Harvey S. Browne - January 10, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ We met Woody through my brother -Bob Eggle. He quickly became family. A great friend and patriot. REST IN PEACE OUR FRIEND!! We shall miss him and we send our love!! God Bless!

David & Beth Eggle (Katy Eggle-Putney (Adam) , Tom Eggle (Katie) and families.)

Beth-Anne Eggle - January 07, 2025 at 07:12 PM

RG

“ To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss. Rest Easy Hero.

Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowski - January 06, 2025 at 06:53 AM

ML

“ Sorry to hear of George's passing. I went to high school with George at Gary Edison. During our high school years we were friends. We lost contact over the years but I did see him at our 50th class reunion. Rest in peace George.  
Margo Barnhouse Lobo

Margo Lobo - January 06, 2025 at 12:33 AM

BE

“ Our family loved Woody so much. He was such a kind, caring, and loving friend who amazed us with his stories of life. He visited us often through his military life and then when he retired we saw even more of him.

*After Woody had his stroke while serving in Tbilisi, Bob visited him at Walter Reed and made plans to have him come to spend time at our home in Cadillac, MI. He bonded with all of us and our entire Eggle family. He and Bob were like brothers. We will miss him greatly. God Bless our dear friend Woody.....and thanks for the memories.*

*Our Love, Bob, Bonnie, and Jennifer (Our son Kristopher has already welcomed Woody with open arms!)*

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**Bonnie Eggle** - January 05, 2025 at 10:19 PM

DD

“ We were saddened to hear about Woody's passing. Have fond memories of our get together in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia during our work for CUBIC.  
*Rest In Peace dear friend. You will be truly missed.*

*Carmen & David Dalton*

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**David Dalton** - January 04, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of George "Biff" "Woody" Woodward.



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January 03, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DB

“ Being fellow IU graduates, we became close friends. Woody saved my life once. We were sitting in the Pentagon's Jacuzzi. After sitting a while, I got up so sit on the edge. After a few moments I fainted and fell in. Luckily, Woody was there and pulled me out.

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**Don Brodie** - January 03, 2025 at 01:06 PM

AC

“ We send our condolences in light of the passing of our friend George Woodward. It is through our faith in the Lord's promise that we know he's now at peace in His loving arms. I'm grateful for the time and memories we shared through church and through the Soup & Serenity ministry.  
Blessings, Art & Carol Castaneda

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**arthur castaneda** - January 02, 2025 at 11:37 AM