



## Bernard F. Velie

May 17, 1930 - June 10, 2006

CMSGT Bernard F. Velie, USAF Ret., born May 17, 1930, has joined his beloved wife Elizabeth C. Velie who passed away on May 30, 2006. Chief Velie went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at the age of 76. He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York and lived in San Antonio since 1967. He retired from the US Air Force after proudly serving his country for 27 years and was also a Security Service Alumni. Survivors include his daughters Jeanne Jenks and husband Ronald and Darlene Friesenhahn and husband Stephen, son Byron Velie and wife Christine, sister Patty Thomas, brother Joe Velie, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ Oh my sweet daddy I love ya soooooooooo much have a great Birthday party~~~~~ we all love you!!! xo ~~~~~~~~Darlene

Darlene - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hello/Happy New Year Daddy~~~I still cannot go one day w/out you in my heart and soul~~~~~love you forever Darlene xo

Darlene - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Oh Daddy I miss you so much and love you and need you..xo Darlene

Darlene - April 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I love you daddy and wanted to wish you a Happy Anniversary~~~~~your loving daughter Darlene xoxo

Darlene - November 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dearest Daddy~~~~~I wanted to wish you a beautiful Father's Day and tell you I love you~~~~~love Darlene x~o

Darlene - June 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My dearest daddy~~~I still cannot believe you have been gone now three years. I love you and miss you so much...we all do. I hope you saw me salute you today when I left the cemetary, it was special~~ just for you. please feel my hugs and kisses. your bab

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**Darlene** - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dearest Daddy~~~We wanted to wish you a very Blessed Birthday today~~~We Love and Miss YOU!!! Darlene/Steve

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**Darlene/Steve** - May 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Daddy, I hope you had a glorious Easter today with mother..I thought about you all day, I miss and love you so much. Your baby girl x~o love Darlene

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**Darlene** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hello daddy, can you believe it is 2009? Where has the time gone? I love and miss you everyday...Steve hunts but I do not think it has been the same... he misses you so much all the time. I know you are around me many times and I am grateful, but still lo

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**Darlene** - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Happy~~ Anniversary~~ Daddy~~ I~~ love~~you~~Darlene

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**Darlene** - November 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hi Dear Daddy,Happy Birthday to you. I know you saw us there today and I saw the red cardinal so know you were there also. I love you so much and miss you everyday. In every breath I take I long to hug you again. Love your baby girl, Darlene

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**Darlene** - May 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hi Daddy, Happy New Year, I love you and miss you so much. Love Darlene xo

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**Darlene** - January 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hi Daddy, how are you? yes still LOVE you and MISS ya so much, steve also. Bet your busy watching all the guys hunting ha, can just see how excited you are this time of year. It is finally going to be cool for a change, I am excited. Bet your loving those

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**Darlene** - November 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Happy Father's Day Daddy! I know you saw me today, after we all met and went to a nice dinner. I thought about you the whole time. How are you doing up there? By the way did you like my journal? I thought it went pretty well. And how about that new great

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**Darlene** - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Happy Birthday to you Happy Birthday to you I love you oh yeah I love you..how did your cake taste, did you have a great party? I keep meaning to ask ya if you have seen De around/give im a great big hug for me..A patty/u tom will be here soon, they are o

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**Darlene** - May 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hi Daddy,I know I just emailed ya Easter, but was gonna let you know I got ya a new flag and me and miss kaylee are gonna take it to you this week.How is everything? can ya believe michael will already be 33 in a few days, remember all those days he playe

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**Darlene** - April 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hi Daddy, Hoppy Easter I love you and miss you more than anything. I know you and mom will have a glorious feast with Our Lord and am so happy for you. Do youthink you could sprikle some happy dust on texas, we could use some really bad. i wish I was not

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**Darlene** - April 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Happy 2007 daddy...I love and miss you everyday..love you xoxo  
Darlene

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**Darlene** - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Merry Christmas Daddy..I love you and miss you so much..I hope you loved the tree and sign I put out for you and mom..we had a great vacation but you already knew that right? I knw you and mom were there with us, I could tell, and am so glad! I hope you/m

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**Darlene** - December 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hi daddy, I wanted to let you know I got a flag like the oe you had at the house and it is higher than our roof so it can even be seen from the road..you would love it..I am making a memory garden out back for you and mom so when you fly by take a look..I

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**Darlene** - August 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ DEAR POP POP,  
WHAT CAN I SAY? YOU HAD SUCH AN INCREDIBLE LIFE! SO MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS-A SON, A BROTHER, A FATHER, A FRIEND, A SOLDIER,A CHIEF, A COWBOY, A HUNTER AND MY GRANDFATHER. THE ONLY GRANDFATHER I HAVE EVER KNOWN. YOU CERTAINLY LIVED UP TO THE

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**DEANNA** - July 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ POP POP MAY ALL THE DEER BE 12 POINT BUCKS AND THE BEER ICE COLD I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH ARE MEMORIES IN THE WOODS TOGETHER I WILL ALWAYS LOVE AND MISS YOU THANK YOU

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**michael** - July 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Hi Daddy...I finally am reading all the great messages everyone has sent. I was going towrite mom too but they already removed her name so can you give her a message... I was with you both as you took your final breathes in this world, and OUR LORD restor

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**Darlene** - June 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We are so very sorry to hear of yet another loss for you all. Please know that our prayers are with you at this difficult time. I can tell you from my experience that having friends and family to love and support you will get you through. God bless. Love

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**Terri & Jamie Sullivan** - June 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ To all of my cousins - My prayers and thoughts are with you. I know both Uncle Fuzz and Aunt Betty are having fun looking down on us mortals probably laughing and wondering when we will be by their side again. All my love,  
Mike.

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**Mike Thomas** - June 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Jeanne, Darlene and Byron,

*Please accept our most heart-felt sympathy for your loss. In spite of the fact that we believe your mom and dad are now together again, it must still be difficult to miss them so much. Thoughts of them will always bring a smi*

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**Joe & Gerri Thomas** - June 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ What can I say? He was my favorite uncle. And she was my favorite aunt. Too many memories. I do remember him "sneaking" me off base Lackland when I was in Basic 72'. Coming to the house and being introduced to venison chili and Lone Star beer. It's

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**Steve Thomas** - June 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ST

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**Steve Thomas** - June 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dearest Jeanne, Darlene, Byron and your families,*

*We can not imagine the PAIN and Emptiness you all must be feeling with the loss of both parents, almost at the same time. But we are sure that one could not live happily without the other, and that th*

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**Joe & Nancy Henderson** - June 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Bernie was a member of our military group "Karamursel 60/61". He will be sadly missed by all the members. His name will be added to our Memorial List. Condolences goes out to all his family.*

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**Rudy Ruediger** - June 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Byron, I can't imagine the loss you must feel when loosing a parent to death. I know you have a tremendous weight with the loss of both in just a few weeks. I am so sorry Byron. Please find comfort in the hope of a resurrection of both of your parents*

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**Phillip Turner** - June 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Jeanne, Darlene and Byron,  
Hard to believe that one should have to send a message of sympathy to you so soon. I am so sorry that you must experience your Dad's loss. Your hearts must truly feel heavy. We will all have you in our prayers as well as y

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**Cheryl Demo Morris** - June 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Darlene, Jeanne and Byron,  
  
In this sadness of life, I mourn with you on the loss of your father, my brother, who was my mentor, my friend and even my matchmaker. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him. We are reminded that God's people nev

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**Pat Thomas** - June 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I was so very sorry to hear the news. Bernie was such a funny guy and I really enjoyed meeting him. My heart goes out to ALL of you, because I know you will miss him dearly. Peace to all. Know that he will rest peacefully.... God bless and take care of yo

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**Joan Wiersma** - June 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ We wanted to offer our deepest condolences to the family of Bernie and Elizabeth. We will remember his cheerfull smile and friendliness.

Our prayers are with you at this sad time.

Leo & Leona Caisse

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**Leo & Leona Caisse** - June 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Our prayers and condolences are extended to your family on the loss of a very special man and friend. His humor and laugh I will never forget.

*Ken and Cindy Rector*

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**Ken and Cindy Rector** - June 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Byron and Chris:  
My prayers go out to you both and your family at such a heartbreaking time in your lives. I had the opportunity to meet Bernie at Betty's Rosary and was able to see him smile and laugh as we were speaking of their being married f

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**JT** - June 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I have a fond memory..,as a new bride visiting his home for a visit..he called me "sugar" with his southern drawl,put his cowboy hat on my head and took a picture of me and said I was now officially a Texan! I am so sorry for your loss..but now your paren

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**Deidre Ward** - June 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ To the family of Mr. Velie We are so sorry to here the sad news. He was respected,full of life and out going he will be sadly missed by a lot of friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless Audrey and Jerry

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**Jerry and Audrey Keaton** - June 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *He was the best Uncle a person could ever have!*

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**Mary Jo Fitzpatrick** - June 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *My fondest memory of my Uncle Fuzz was when he took me shopping for my first cowboy hat for my 18th birthday. On the way to Florida from California and Uncle Fuzz must have known I was a Texan at heart. His death is not the end, but rather the beginning*

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**Rob Thomas** - June 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *I am so very sorry that the family is experiencing a double tragedy in their lives. I had the privilege of working with Mr. Velie for many years at SSFCU, and he certainly was quite the character. We shared some really good times and lots of laughs, and*

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**Brenda Pyatte** - June 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM