



T/SGT Freddie Lee Blackwell, USAF (Ret.)

July 16, 1931 - July 9, 2023

T/SGT Freddie Lee Blackwell, USAF (Ret.) age 91 of San Antonio Texas passed away on Sunday, July 9th, 2023, at Brooks Army Medical Center, after a short illness. He was surrounded by his loving family. He passed just one week shy of his 92nd birthday.

Fred was born July 16, 1931, in Ward, West Virginia. After graduating from High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. In August 1950 he was assigned to the 3731st Squadron, Flight 523 at Lackland AFB, Texas, where he served with the Security Police. His first Tour of Duty took him to RAF Bassingbourn, England. It was while he was stationed here that he took a bus ride to a Community Dance in Luton, England, and met the love of his life and future wife, Audrey Ryder. They were married at Biscot Church, Luton England on 16 March, 1953. They were blessed with one daughter, Susan Marie (Blackwell) Sanders. His assignments took him to Dow AFB, Bangor, Maine, where he served with the 506th Air Police Squadron (cir 1953-1955), RAF Sculthorpe, England, where he served with the 47th Air Police Squadron (cir 1955-1958), Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, where he became a Military Training Instructor with the 3727 BMTS (ATC) (cir 1958-1964). Diyarbakir, Turkey (cir 1964-1965), RAF Lakenheath, England, where he served with the 48th Air Police Squadron, as Air Police Supervisor (cir 1965-1968) and Kincheloe AFB, Sault St. Marie, Michigan, where he served with the 4609th ABG (ADC) as Security Police Supervisor (cir 1968-1971). Fred

retired from the United States Air Force on 1 July 1971 with the rank of Technical Sargent. He then moved his family to San Antonio, Texas as his permanent residence. As a civilian, Fred changed his career field to Credit Manager and worked for several different companies, eventually retiring from San Antonio Credit Union (now Credit Human).

Fred was a kind, sincere, sweet, gentle, loving, and caring person. He was a “jack of all trades”, from handy-man, gardener, cook, housekeeper, and caregiver, not to mention a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He loved camping and fishing in his retirement years.

He is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Valerie Ann Sanders and is survived by his wife, Audrey Blackwell; his daughter, Susan Sanders and her husband, Mark; his granddaughter, Kristina Parsons; his great granddaughters, Kenzie Stephens and her husband Tom, Kamarin Winans, and Evelyn Parsons; and his great-great grandsons, Liam Stephens and Connor Stephens.

A short Graveside Service with Full Military Honors will begin at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, July 24, 2023, at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Pavilion #3, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. Map directions provided. Flowers, donations, and condolences may be offered at 146 Daytona Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78227.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

JUL **24.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of T/SGT Freddie Lee Blackwell, USAF (Ret.).*



July 20, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ *Susan, Audrey and family: Words fail me at a time like this. They could never express the sorrow we feel for all of you. Fred was a joy to get to know. We so enjoyed his smile, humor and witty conversation. The way he cared for you, Susan, and affectionately doted on Audrey showed the abundance of love he had for you both. I am sure that level of care and love extended to his grands and great grands as well. Our love and prayers are with you all. Rest in Peace, Fred. So thankful we got to know you.*

Steve and Cathy Gardner - July 15, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of T/SGT Freddie Lee Blackwell, USAF (Ret.).*

July 15, 2023 at 04:56 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of T/SGT Freddie Lee Blackwell, USAF (Ret.).*



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“ *Dear Fred .. may you truly rest in peace. May Susan and Audrey be blessed with a peace that surpasses understandings.*



Teresa Holman - July 14, 2023 at 10:01 PM



“ *For Audrey and Susan, and the family - sorry for your loss. I'm glad I visited with my dad. We had some wonderful memories to share.*

Cassie Gell - July 14, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ *It was so lovely to be able to visit you and Audrey when I came to San Antonio with my Dad. You made me so welcome and made me feel very special. You took me and Dad to some lovely places. You were so kind and caring, nothing was too much trouble, it was an honour to meet you. Love Debbie xx*

Debbie Horton - July 14, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Dad, you are my Rock, the Light of my Life. I will forever love you and miss you. You lived a long and happy life, and we were so blessed for that. Your illness was so sudden, but we knew it was time for you to rest in the hands of our loving Lord, and that Valerie was there waiting for you! God Bless you Dad, and Rest in Peace. I Love You, your daughter, Susan xxoo*

Susan Sanders - July 14, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - July 14, 2023 at 08:53 AM