



## MSgt. Joseph William Boswell Jr., USAF (Ret)

January 31, 1938 - August 15, 2023

And he smiled an easy smile and with his eyes half open he said, "I see things, good things coming out, and people too, lots of people and good things coming out of them too."

Joseph William Boswell Jr. MSGT USAF (ret)

Private Viewing 8AM to 9AM

August 31st, 2023

Mission Parks Chapel

3401 Cherry Ridge Dr.

San Antonio, TX 78230

Donations can be made in his honor to

US veterans organizations

Ministries to the blind

Joseph William Boswell Jr was born in Atlanta, GA, January 31st, 1938, the first of four children born to Joseph William Boswell Sr. and Mary Holbrook Boswell. He joined the Eternal Service of The Lord Jesus Christ on August 15th, 2023, at age 85, leaving us from San Antonio, TX.

Loved ones called him Billy as a boy, Bill, or Joe as a man. All his five kids called him Dad. He is survived by his Godly, loving wife of twenty-four years,

Angie Oliva Boswell, who cared for him expertly through his renal failure, extending his pursuit of happiness and life greatly. Angie had been led to help Joe recuperate from injuries for three years, and after that, they were happily married. He is also survived by his siblings, Mary Boswell Cawley, Henry Clay Boswell and Betty Boswell, and by his children Joseph William Boswell III, John Henry Boswell, Captain James Edward Boswell, USN (ret), Rachel Boswell Preston and his children's mother and wife of ten years, Linda Jean Clason and her daughter, who he loved as his own, Geri McCall Tidwell. He is also survived by twenty-one grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of fourteen years, Young Cha, and his parents Joseph William Sr. and Mary Boswell.

The Boswell family moved around the country, living in Atl., GA, Macon, GA, Augusta, GA, Danville, VA, Charlottesville, VA, Greenville, SC, Ft Pierce, FL, Neptune Beach, FL, (Where he joined the service), Atlantic Beach, FL, (where he married Linda), Warren, OH, Dixon, IL among others.

His life was the Service...he ate, lived, and breathed it. There were long gaps of time between visits home. He loved motorcycles and loved traveling to new and exotic assignments like Rinteln Germany, Pakistan, Misawa Japan, San Vito Di Normani Italy, Clark Philippines, Taipei Taiwan, and South Korea. I'm not sure he made friends easily... just a lone warrior is what he was... always armed for any possible trouble. He spent almost every day at the beach.in the ocean when he was near one. He loved wolf mixed breeds, Great Danes, and Akitas. He loved his dream home on Medina Lake and riding his motorcycles for hours around the scenic and spiritually impactful Lake Hills and outlying Texas country. In his later years, he looked forward to hearing the morning Gospel teaching television ministry.

He can't speak to us now with his voice. He speaks to us with his life of 28 years of service to his country and 20 years of service with Raba-Kistner around San Antonio. Joe speaks to us with his physical strength and his

strength of will to live and overcome the troubles that come from living because, in this life, we will have troubles. When he entered service to his country in his 19th year, he listed 23 addresses. He was used to moving, and he moved all around the world in The Service. He always called it The Service. He understood what it was; a calling, and he was good at it, so he stayed, and he served.

And he persevered. Dad always kept the optimistic outlook of a champion and a conquerer. He would have stayed in the military forever but, when his military service had to end, he found other interesting things to do at Raba. He did not succumb to a ruptured spleen that bled for a week until he had to be helped to the hospital for emergency surgery. He did not perish from blood poisoning, which took kidney function, toes, and fingers. He mourned the loss of his trigger finger but learned to shoot left-handed. He overcame a broken neck, a broken back, two broken tibias, a broken ankle, and a shattered kneecap over the course of his life. He was a warrior. He rode himself to dialysis on a motorcycle as long as he could and rode the Texas hinterlands as much as he could. As we say our goodbyes for now, whether we knew you as Joe, Bill, Billy, or Dad, we are assured that we will see you on the other side, by Jesus' side, touring the hinterlands of God. Until then Dad, Vaya con Dios.

[https://youtu.be/a6\\_I\\_Kzb1HE](https://youtu.be/a6_I_Kzb1HE)

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Funeral Service

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Committal Service

AUG 31. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ My name is Ken Dickey and I worked with Joe at RK from 1989-1998, Joe was a friend. As life goes by all too fast I'd lost touch with him. I ran into him one day out riding motorcycles in Luckenback many years ago and we caught up a bit what we'd been up to. I'd been thinking of him recently and decided to see if I could find him by searching his name and was saddened to find his recent passing.

*My deepest condolences to his family, Joe was a good man.*

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**Ken Dickey** - November 02, 2023 at 08:38 AM

Jl

*Ken, I thank you for your remembrance and kind words and being Dad's friend. He was fond of all of you at Raba and spoke of dropping by the shop to trade westerns or spy thrillers. He loved to read. I'm glad Dad had friends like you. He loved to drop in and visit his friends.*

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**Joe Boswell III** - November 04, 2023 at 07:54 PM

KR

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family. May he RIP



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**kathleen roberts** - August 31, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of MSgt. Joseph William Boswell Jr., USAF (Ret).*



August 29, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Herman & LaVona Donica lit a candle in memory of MSgt. Joseph William Boswell Jr., USAF (Ret)*



**Herman & LaVona Donica** - August 26, 2023 at 05:09 PM



*Our Prayers to the Family.  
The Donica's*

**Herman & LaVona Donica** - August 26, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Other*



**Rachel Preston** - August 26, 2023 at 02:21 PM

RP

“ 18 files added to the album *Billy Bill Joe Dad*

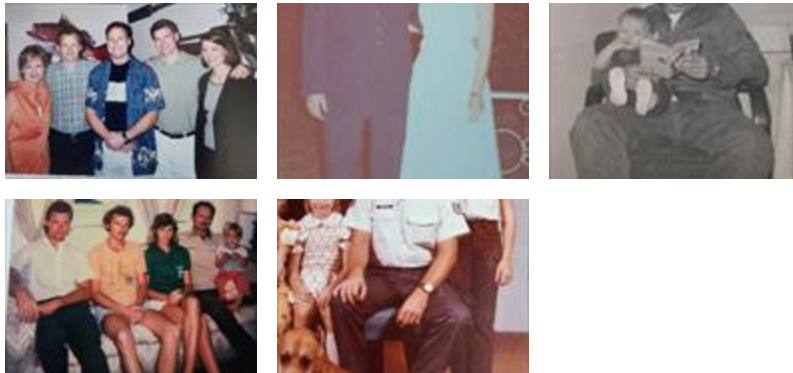


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Rachel Preston - August 26, 2023 at 02:14 PM

RP

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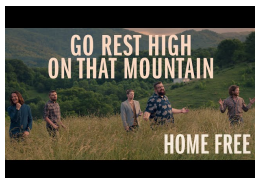


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Rachel Preston - August 26, 2023 at 02:01 PM

Jl

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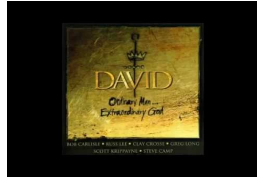


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Joe Boswell III - August 25, 2023 at 06:18 PM

Jl

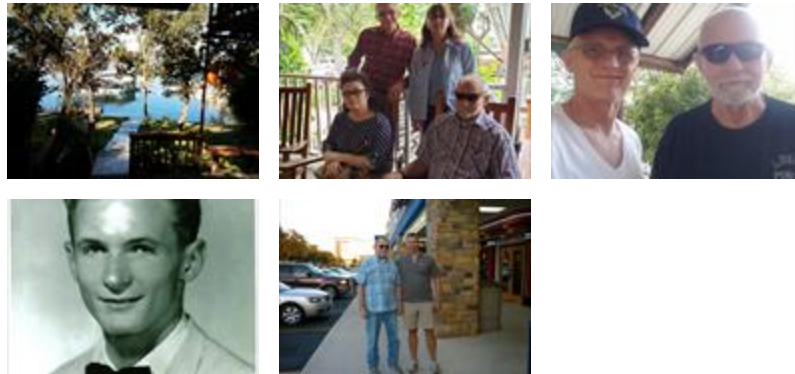
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**Joe Boswell III** - August 25, 2023 at 06:15 PM

Jl

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



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**Joseph W Boswell III** - August 25, 2023 at 04:25 PM

JB

“ In 1974, at Clark AFB, Philippines, Dad bought a 90cc Benelli motorcycle to learn to ride. He had a spill one day and got skinned from head to toe. Had to go to work in shorts and a T- shirt for a month while his skin healed. While he was at work, I would sneak it out for a spin. What a thrill! The yard man told me I had to tell Dad about my rides, so I did. Don't remember the punishment, but he did get a Yamaha 100 for me to ride and race at the Ridge Riders club on base. It's been a wonderful life, Dad.



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Joseph Boswell - August 24, 2023 at 01:31 PM

Jl

“ I wonder how many times Dad ran through all our names when one of us got on his nerves, "Joe-John-Jim-Geri...you know who you are... then, along came Rachel.



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Joseph W Boswell III - August 24, 2023 at 08:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph William Boswell Jr. MSGT, USAF (ret).

August 24, 2023 at 07:41 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of MSgt. Joseph William Boswell Jr., USAF (Ret).



August 24, 2023 at 07:41 AM



“ It was a different time to grow up. Few TV stations, no cell phones, no internet. We spent a lot of time "out of the house" finding all kinds of games to play and adventures to go on. On a bright summer day, on our little wooden bridge across the ditch in front of our house in Misawa, Japan, Dad showed me how to fix a flat bike inner tube.



Joseph W Boswell III - August 23, 2023 at 09:00 PM

MN

“ Janine and I have few but fond memories of Joe’s Dad, either when he was visiting them, or, and more vivid, at weddings and receptions. Joseph and I would exchange a few thoughts, a story, a fond memory. Was a fine man . Mike Lester

Mike Lester. Joe & Ruth’s neighbor - August 23, 2023 at 08:30 PM

Jl

Dad liked you, Mike, and that made me happy.

Joseph W Boswell III - August 23, 2023 at 09:02 PM

Jl

“ Dad bought a 1962 Dodge station wagon in 1964. I was four years old, watching him carefully detail his new family car and I wanted him to tell me what was true, what was good and the way to go but, he was a man of few words. We shipped that car to Japan, Italy and the Phillipines, where we left it in 1976. It was a familiar constant in our constantly changing lives. I spent hours detailing it in the PI in 1975. Dad told me, "You do good work Bud." From then on, I always tried to do good work. I loved that old car but I Love Dad.



Joseph W Boswell III - August 23, 2023 at 11:47 AM

Jl

“ I remember my father in 1964, young and strong, marching smartly up the street in his Air Force fatigues. He picked me up and I thought the ground was so far away and I was close, very close to his face, and the hair on his head looked like a forest that I could stroll through.

*Joseph William Boswell III*



Joseph W Boswell III - August 21, 2023 at 11:43 AM

HB

*Henry made a donation to DAV in memory of my brother.*

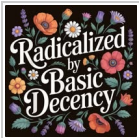
Henry Boswell - August 21, 2023 at 03:10 PM

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“ USSOCOM Det 1 purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of MSgt. Joseph William Boswell Jr., USAF (Ret).



USSOCOM Det 1 - August 20, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ Betty made a donation to DAV in warm, loving memory of her brother.



Mary Jones - August 19, 2023 at 12:17 PM

MC

“ Sis made a donation to DAV in loving memory of her brother.

Mary B Cawley - August 18, 2023 at 12:13 PM

KR

“ Condolences to the family and prayers.  
So sorry for your loss



Kathleen Roberts - August 17, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph William Boswell Jr..

August 17, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of MSgt. Joseph William Boswell Jr., USAF (Ret).



August 17, 2023 at 09:21 AM

KD

“ Kathi Dixon lit a candle in memory of MSgt. Joseph William Boswell Jr., USAF (Ret)



Kathi Dixon - August 16, 2023 at 05:15 PM