



## Major William R. "Sam" Barr USAF, Ret.

July 19, 1930 - February 28, 2018

Known to many as "Sam", William passed away on Wednesday, February 28th as a result of a stroke he suffered in August 2012. He was well taken care of since then at Regent Care, Blanco Road, where he made a new community of friends. Bill was born to Paul and Geraldine Barr on July 19, 1930 in Wolcott, NY. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the USAF, where he picked up the nickname Sam.

Sam served in enlisted and commissioned capacities until 1970. During that time he did two tours in Germany, a tour in Scotland, The Alaskan Territory and Vietnam. Military awards include the Bronze Star Metal, The Army Commendation Ribbon, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak clusters, and the WWII Occupation Medal. He continued his service to the United States with positions in Civil Service and the US Post Office.

He was predeceased by both parents, wife Betty, son Capt. Barry W. Barr, USAF and brother Paul. Survivors include daughter Bonnie George (David) of San Antonio, TX, sons Bruce Barr (Janet) of Cedar Creek, TX and Brian Barr (Marie) of St. Hedwig, TX, daughter-in-law Kathy Barr of Colorado Springs, CO, sister Judith McCarthy (Tim) of Seneca Falls, NY, grandchildren Shannon Wood (Steve), Shane Barr (Lori), Kellie George, Erika Dahan (Gadi), Chris George (Jessica), Brandi Barr, Ryan George (Andrea), Will Barr, Morgan Barr and 10 great-grandchildren.

There will be graveside services with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on March 26, 2018 at 1:15 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Disabled Veterans at [www.dav.org/ways-to-give/](http://www.dav.org/ways-to-give/).

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

MAR 26. 1:15 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ You won't know me, but as I was scrolling through the obits to fix my husband's, CMSGT Donald Fleegle, I ran across the name Sam Barr. I thought I knew that man and when I saw all the children's names that started with the letter "B", I knew. Don and Sam worked together at Security Service back in the late 60's. We attended many get together's at the home of Major Hoyt and his wife. If I remember right, I think Don built bird houses for the trees in your yard. Don died Feb 26 from a massive stroke that he had on Feb 21st. As we go through these trying times of loss, may God be with us.

*Audrey Fleegle*

---

**Audrey Fleegle** - March 15, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ this is rodger and ruth youngs from new york Sam was a great guy Loved seeing him at the bar reunion He always had a story to share and a red and white beer He was loved by all sure have missed him at the last few reunions that he didnt attend rest in peace

---

**Ruth Youngs** - March 10, 2018 at 06:22 PM

SF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



---

**Sam's Family** - March 09, 2018 at 02:06 PM

RS

*I served with this Gentle man my final two years 1974-1975  
Grinds called him Sam. Never associated with a finer soul. He was my  
"friend" as well as a colleague. RIP*

---

**Roy Southern** - January 17, 2024 at 10:22 AM