



George Ottesen

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George Ottesen was born in New Orleans to the late Lucille and Finn Ottesen. He is survived by his brother, John and sadly missed by nephew, John Jr. (Barbi) and niece, Pam O. Kennedy (Patrick). He died at Woodlands Nursing Home in Leesville on the 29th of December after a lengthy illness at the age of 66. George was an Army veteran with 20 years of service and an additional 20 years of civilian service. He and wife Barbara (deceased) lived in Leesville for the past 35 years.

He was a Vietnam Veteran, a Silver Star and a Purple Heart recipient. George was involved with various local associations including life member of the VFW post 3106, American Legion.

A memorial service will be held at Labby Funeral Home in Leesville at 1pm on Friday, January 6, 2012. In lieu of flowers, contributions to local charities are requested. Burial will be in Leesville National Cemetery, (after Completion) by Veterans Administration.



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BM

Bill Mccaskill posted:

I HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING WITH GEORGE (HOSS) OTTESEN IN VIET NAM IN 1967-68. WE WERE MEMBERS OF THE 2-47TH 9TH INFANTRY AND SERVED AS SCOUTS IN THE BATTALION. \r\n\r\nHOSS WAS A GREAT LEADER OF MEN AND WAS COURAGEOUS UNDER FIRE. HE WAS ALSO A BIG TEDDY BEAR OF GUY AND EVERYONE LOVED HIM.I WILL MISS SWAPPING STORIES ABOUT THE PAST BUT MOST OF ALL I WILL MISS HIS AMIABLE PRESENCE AT OUR REUNIONS. HE WAS EVERYONES FAVORITE SERGEANT AND FOR GOOD REASON.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO LONG HOSS. WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE HEREAFTER.\r\n\r\n\r\nBILL

June 2 at 5:58 AM

RV

Russell E Vibberts Jr. posted:

47th Infantry Regiment Committee\r\n \r\nTO: George \"Hoss\" Ottesen Family\r\n\r\nFROM: 47th Infantry Regiment \r\n\r\nIt is with overwhelming sadness that I send the Ottesen Family and friends condolences on the loss of a Great American. Hoss Ottesen our Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the 47th Infantry Regiment for the past 45 years served his Country with Honor and dignity. In Vietnam Hoss was revered and loved by those he served with and to this day some 44 years later that love remains. \r\n\r\n\r\nRussll E. Vibberts Jr.\r\n\r\n2012 Reunion Chairman

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CB

Col (R) Brice H. Barnes posted:

George \"Hoss\" Ottesne was one of the best NCO's the Army ever had. I had the honor of being his commanding officer in Vietnam, 1967-68, during some of the most intense fighting of the entire war. His gallantry in battle earned him the Silver Star, our nation's 3rd highest award for valor. After his retirement, Hoss was appointed as the Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the 47th Infantry Regiment, and named a Distinguished Member of the Regiment. My prayer is for the Holy Comforter to being with his entire family, as Hoss rests in the Mighty Arms of Our Lord.

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MB

Margaret Brewster posted:

George is a good man who married my dear friend Barbara and gave her many happy years. My condolences to the family.

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MD

Mel Dixon posted:

George will be missed by all who knew him.
For the 14 years I worked in Range Maintenance our buddy George kept us safe downrange.
Plus, he never failed to send Christmas cards.

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LF

Ltc Kyle E. Feger posted:

On behalf of the active duty Panthers of 2-47 Infantry, I send our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Ottesen family. Thank you all for your service to our nation. Panthers Never Quit!

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ES

Emmitt Snuffy Smith posted:

hoss, you will be missed

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JH

Jon W Hosford posted:

George was one of the good guys. He sure will be missed but always remembered.

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RE

Ron Easterday posted:

As a initial member of 2nd 47th, it was always a pleasure to see Hoss come around. He was a great leader and a very thoughtful person. We will miss you but we also know you are in a far better place.

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RE

Rolf Emilson posted:

To all the family my sincerest condolences. A great man will be missed but never forgotten among the brothers of the 2/47th. Be sure he is watching over us as always and we look forward to seeing him in the next venture.

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MB

Michael Ssumner/Bass posted:

God bless you, you old sergeant major. and all your loved ones you served your fellow man very well rest in peace the lord knows you've earned it.

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RY

Ron Young posted:

Another great warrior is lost. We will miss him. Our prayers to his family. God Bless you all.\r\n\r\nRon Young\r\n2/47th 1966-1968

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JW

Jesse Wells posted:

I served with George \"Hoss\" in Vietnam. He was a kind person and a true American Hero. I will miss seeing him at the Reunions of the 2/47th as I know anyone who knew him will also miss him. Rest in Peace Hoss. Jess Wells

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DS

Douglas S, Smith posted:

\"Hoss\": You were a man among men. You were a leader with honor and integrity. You were my warrior brother. I will miss you. Rest in Peace George Ottesen. Respectfully, Douglas S. Smith BG, USA, Retired.

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HM

Heather Martinez posted:

My family and I have known Mr George for many years. He was such an awesome person. I remember staying with his 1st wife Ms Regina when they lived by the School Board..... He will be greatly missed!!!

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DS

Dwight Strickland posted:

We offer our condolences to the Otteson family. We got to know Hoss through The 47th Infantry reunions and interactions. His friendship and wit will be missed. Rest in peace BROTHER!
PNQ!\r\n\r\nDwight and Drenna Strickland

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JC

James R. Chapman posted:

Im Sorry about the Loss of George (Hoss) Ottesen I never Had the Honor of Knowing Him but We had a couple e-mail meeting and I had Heard several Men who served with him had nothing but Respect for the Man and that says Much May He Rest in Peace and May His Family Be Blessed by God Knowing he Is in the House of the Lord J.R Chapman 2/47 (Recon)

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KN

Kenneth D Cox (Brovo Niner) posted:

Find a good fishing spot up there and I will join you later.RIP Ken

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DT

Dave Taborski posted:

George, knew you from reunion, may God bless you and me he wlcome you with open arms...

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LS

Lawrence Shallue posted:

So sorry to hear of George's passing. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his family and friends.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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