

## Malvin Utah Brand Jr.

July 31, 1948 - December 10, 2023

Malvin Utah Brand, Jr., 75, of Perryville, departed this life to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 10, 2023. He was born on July 31, 1948, the son of Malvin Utah "M.U." Brand and Wanda Lee (Campbell) Brand, and grew up on the family farm near Harris Brake Lake. After graduating from Perryville High School, he enlisted in the United States Army in January 1968, and was assigned as a Tank Commander with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor. In December of that year, he deployed on a 13-month combat tour to the Republic of Vietnam, during which he received two Bronze Star medals for heroic and meritorious service. Following the conclusion of his active-duty service, he completed a Bachelor of Science in History at the University of Central Arkansas, and went to work with the Arkansas Army National Guard as a Unit Administrator, initially with Troop E, 151st Cavalry in Conway, and later with Det 2, HHC, 39th Infantry Brigade and the 439th Signal Det. in Perryville.

After an early medical retirement from the military due to a chronic health condition, he embarked upon a second career as a water treatment plant operator for the City of Perryville. In retirement, he enjoyed fishing, working on the farm, and spending time with his family. He also served as a deacon and long-time Sunday school teacher at Cherry Hill Freewill Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Patsy Ann Brand. He has temporarily left behind his beloved wife of 45 years, Gena "Bull" Brand, of Perryville, his son, Justin Brand, of Perryville, his daughter, Jessica

Branch (Tony) of Benton, his grandchildren, Daphne and Gunner Branch, his sister, Joyce Brand, of Houston, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bernard and Shelby Bull of Cherry Hill.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 14, at Cherry Hill Cemetery, with Military honors. The family will receive visitors from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, at the Harris Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Hill Cemetery

Windle Rd  
Perryville, AR 72126

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton  
1325 Oak St  
Morrilton, AR 72110  
(501) 354-4575

## Graveside Service

DEC 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Patty , Jayce , Emeril and I are sorry to hear about the passing of Malvin. So many good memories of him teaching Sunday school, seeing his smile when Jessica would sing and sitting at Shelby's table to eat dinner after church with the family. Gina and Jessica you guys will never know how much that we love you guys.. Sorry I didn't know about it or I would have tried to be there. We will be keeping you in our prayers. With godly Christian love . Jeffery, Patty, Jayce and Emerie Burris*

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**Jeffery Burris** - December 14, 2023 at 07:19 PM

KR

“ *Gina and Family, shocked to here this good news for Malvin. We always had good visits at Harps getting our Rx! I know your hearts ache and tears come and go, but think of the choir of angels entertaining him. I know how hard it is to loose someone you love so much, memories and Gods comfort will get you through. Prayers for all*

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**kathy rankin** - December 13, 2023 at 10:37 AM

HC

“ *Gena and family please accept Donna's and my condolences on Malvins passing to a better, pain free world. He was a great friend and outstanding soldier that I have many memories of having served with him. Peace be with you all and may Perpetual Light shine on Malvin as he awaits all of us to join him.*

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**Harrell Clendenin** - December 13, 2023 at 10:14 AM

JH

“ Jeffery Hibbard purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Malvin Utah Brand Jr..



Jeffery Hibbard - December 12, 2023 at 07:57 PM

AS

“ Oh, Gena I am so sorry to hear of Melvin's home going . You all are in my Prayers.Love and Prayers. John and Alice Spires

Alice Spires - December 12, 2023 at 12:56 PM

CH

“ Gina, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. Cheryl Corder Harper

Cheryl Harper - December 11, 2023 at 06:20 PM



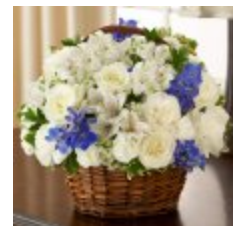
“ Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Malvin Utah Brand Jr..



December 11, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Malvin Utah Brand Jr..



December 11, 2023 at 02:49 PM