



Colonel Arthur Lavern Breithaupt Ret.

November 2, 1952 - March 23, 2022

Colonel (Ret.) Arthur L. Breithaupt passed away at home on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at the age of 69. His battle in recent years with illness and serious medical complications exhibited his fortitude in facing life's challenges with faith and courage.

Born on November 2, 1952, in Traverse City, MI, Art was raised by his grandparents, Ronald and Juanita Breithaupt. He received an MBA from Michigan State University, and devoted 26 years to the United States Army, where – in addition to many deserved honors - he was decorated in 1990 with the Soldier's Medal for heroism in aiding victims of the horrific train crash in Rüsselsheim, Germany. After retiring from the army, he embarked on a second career as vice president of sales at AAR Mobility Systems in Cadillac. He retired from AAR in 2013.

Art demonstrated deep compassion for others. He was dedicated member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac and an active volunteer for both the New Hope Shelter and Eagle Village. During his free time, he loved fishing, boating, skiing, and especially exploring the Michigan back roads with Jackie, his wife of 49 years.

Art is survived by wife, Jackie (nee Hornyak); children: Brigitte (Andy) Corbin, Arron (Megan), Adam (Jackie); grandchildren: Harrison, Averie, Sydney,

Ethan and Adelyn; and siblings Cliff Allen and Barb Wilkins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his brother James.

A memorial service will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Cadillac, MI on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am and refreshments will be served following the service in the fellowship hall.

Art will be laid to rest with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Doctors without Borders, USA.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Washington , DC

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
11198 E Michigan 55
Cadillac, MI 49601-8474
(231) 775-3261

Tribute Wall



“ Art was a terrific officer and friend. We served together in 3rd COSCOM. He was always there to help in any way. His sense of humor was always a treat and a way to break a tense situation. I will always admire his dedication and care for others. A true loss for our nation. Ed and I pass on our condolences to the family.

Kathleen Gainey - August 04, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ Art and I served together in the 106th Transportation Battalion, when he received his Soldier's Medal. I was a fine soldier and a great, Christian man.

Mark Victorson - August 04, 2023 at 01:29 PM



Art was the fine soldier. I learned from his example.

Mark Victorson - August 04, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Colonel Arthur Lavern Breithaupt Ret..



April 01, 2022 at 03:42 PM

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“ *The Gleasons (Jon & Suzanne) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Colonel Arthur Lavern Breithaupt Ret..*



The Gleasons (Jon & Suzanne) - March 31, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Colonel Arthur Lavern Breithaupt Ret..*



March 29, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Colonel Arthur Lavern Breithaupt Ret..*



March 28, 2022 at 11:19 PM

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“ *Ashley, Steve & the AP Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Colonel Arthur Lavern Breithaupt Ret..*



Ashley, Steve & the AP Family - March 28, 2022 at 11:20 AM