

1st Sgt. (Retired) Ronnie Earl Bass

Funeral for retired 1st Sgt. (Retired) Ronnie Earl Bass, 78, Lawton, will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Jessie Forrest, Faith Hospice, officiating.

Bass died Friday, Mar. 1, 2013, at his home. He took his last breath with his daughter, Deborah, by his side who along with her brother, Robert, had been caring for him. Robert, with his loving devotion of 15 years, cared for both his mother and father until their passing.

Burial with full military honors will be in the post cemetery at Fort Sill.

He was born Sept. 5, 1934, in Prentiss, Miss to Robert Eugene Bass and Carrie Jackson Bass. He married Ingeborg RuthMarie Schwartzter on Dec. 30, 1954, in Straubing, Germany. She died Nov. 6, 2010. He was a decorated soldier in the U.S. Army, where he received many awards for his achievements including: three Bronze Stars, six Good Conduct medals, Army of Occupation medal, Army Commendation medal, Vietnam Campaign medal, 1960 Vietnam Service medal, Overseas Service bars and the National Defense Service medal. He was retired honorably in 1975 and took a job in civil service until his complete retirement in 1992. He was a master carpenter, fisherman and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his stepdaughter, Yvonne RoseMarie Pettit and his four natural children: Ronnie Earl Bass Jr., Garrie Jean Bass and wife Faith, Deborah Ann Bass and Robert Lee Bass; grandchildren: Deanne Pettit, Jennifer Marie Morrow-McOmie and husband Jake and James Bass; great-grandchildren: Peyton Morrow, Lily Bass, Kaiden McOmie and Ryder Bass; step granddaughter, Heather Goodwin and husband Chris, and their two children: Autumn and Meadow; and siblings: Helen Deloris Bass, J.C. "Jack" Bass, Jeweldine Bass and Barney Haze Bass.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Ingeborg RuthMarie Bass; and siblings: Virgie Mae Bass, Clyde Bass, Robert Paul Bass, Nancy Viola Bass, Houston Herman Bass and James Kenneth Bass.

An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at www.beckerfuneral.com.