

Sgt. 1st Class (Retired) Richard Buan De Leon

Retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Richard Buan De Leon, 84, Lawton, was born Dec. 1, 1928, in Tarlac, Tarlac, Philippines, to Severino and Helmogina De Leon.

He died surrounded by family on Thursday, March 28, 2013, in Lawton.

Private funeral for family and friends will be at Winery-Huddleston Chapel.

Richard grew up in the Philippines and when he was 26 years old he entered the United States Army. Richard completed basic training in Hawaii and was directed to Austria for his first assignment, where he met his wife Annie. His following assignments included Japan, Germany, Texas, Oklahoma, Philippines and five years in Vietnam. Richard and Annie were married on April 2, 1956, in Manila, Philippines.

He is survived by his wife, Annie; son, Bobby and his daughter Stephanie; daughter, Anita and her husband John; grandson, Tony and his wife Sarah; and a great-grandson, Ethan.

Richard was preceded in death by their oldest son, retired Army Capt. Richard De Leon Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Richard's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105.