

## **Col. (Retired) Milton J. Kinne Jr.**

Funeral for retired Col. Milton J. Kinne Jr., 81, Lawton, will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in New Post Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Bill Schneider officiating.

Kinne died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, in Lawton.

Burial with full military honors will be in Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.

Kinne was born May 22, 1932, in Webb City, Mo., to Milton J. and Mabel Davis Kinne. He was a military child and lived in many different places. He graduated from the Tokyo American High School Meguro in Tokyo. He later earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Cameron University. He married Nancy H. Laux on Aug. 28, 1954, in Fort Myer, Va. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in August of 1952, and was commissioned through OCS in 1953. He retired at Fort Sill on Nov. 30, 1981, and at the time of his retirement was president of the United States Army Field Artillery Board. He served in a variety of command and staff positions both continentally and abroad. He was a veteran of Vietnam and his awards include the Army Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Four Service Stars, National Defense Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Two Overseas Service Bars, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon Second Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Legion of Merit, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Republic of Vietnam Staff Services Medal First Class.

Following his retirement from the Army, he worked as a defense contractor with AST in Lawton and later for Cameron University as the Title III Coordinator. He had been a member of the Lawton Urban Renewal Board, was a member of the Military Officers Association of America, had been inducted into the ancient Order of Saint Barbara and was a member of the OCS Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; three children and their spouses: Milton J. "Jim" Kinne III and wife Anna, Fort Wayne, Ind.; David Kinne, California, Md.; and retired Col. Gary Kinne and wife Susie, Lawton; five grandchildren and their spouses: Candice and Matt Daniels, Brett Smith, Cote and Nicole Smith, Robert James and Carole Kinne and Jonathan Kinne; six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York 10016; the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas 75231; or to the Wounded Warrior Project; P.O. Box 75851, Topeka, Kan. 66675.

An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com).

The family will greet friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.