



Willis R. Friese Jr.

November 29, 1929 - March 6, 2020

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Willis R. Friese Jr., US Army, Retired, age 90 of Annville, PA passed away on March 6, 2020. He was born 29 November 1929 in Harrisburg, PA, the son of the late Willis R. and Margaret (Miller) Friese Sr. and husband of the late Elaine (Roland) Friese. He was preceded in death by his son, Randy Friese.

Will entered the Army in 1947, completed basic training at Ft. Dix, N.J. and is a U.S. Army combat veteran serving three tours in the Korean conflict. He was stationed in Scranton, PA; Bristol, NJ; Fort Bliss, TX; Japan; Gardner, KS; Okinawa and Irwin, Pa. He served as an advisor to the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1954-1955.

Will's decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct medal, two silver knots, WWII Occupation medal, National Defense Service medal, one Bronze Star, Korean Service Medal, one Bronze Star, Meritorious Service medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, the United Nations Korean Service medal, The Korean Defense Service medal, the ROK Korean War Service medal, Expert Marksmanship badge- Carbine, Pistol and Rifle, Marksman badge- Missile, and the combat Infantryman badge.

After retiring from the Army in 1969 with 22 years of service he went on to become the Executive Director of the Tri County Association for the Blind. In 1981 he became President of Pennsylvania Industries for the Blind & Handicapped.

Will is survived by his daughter, Colleen Ann Johnson (Daniel) of Etters and sons: Rick Friese (Rhonda) of Elizabethtown, PA; John Friese (Denise) of Etters PA; and Thomas Friese (Maryclaire) of Harrisburg, PA. Six grandchildren: Shannon, Jarrod, Michael, Amanda, Eric and Christopher; two step-grandchildren, four Great- grandchildren and one Great- Great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Will's name may be made to a charity of your choice.

The Musselman Funeral Home is Honored to Serve The Friese Family. 324 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne, PA 17043.

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Viewing

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Friese was the most wonderful man anyone could have the privilege of knowing. He is very missed, thought so much of him, loved his stories. The world has truly lost a very good man. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*

Laura Silsbee - March 10, 2020 at 07:04 AM