



## Colonel John Daniel Beasley III

January 31, 1937 - September 1, 2023

Colonel John Beasley passed away peacefully on September 1 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Colonel Beasley graduated from Turner High School in 1955. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, in 1959. On June 2, 1959, he entered the U.S. Army. During his career he earned a Master of Arts degree at the University of Missouri; graduated from the Infantry Officers Course, Ranger, Airborne School; graduated from the Infantry Officers Career Course and the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth. In addition, he graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C. His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge, 2 Bronze Stars with 5 Oak Leafs for Valor, Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, 2 Purple Hearts; Ranger Tab; and Senior Parachutist Badge. Colonel Beasley served 4 years in Vietnam including 2 years in the 23rd Infantry Division at Chu Lai. It was his honor to serve as the Aide to General Andrew Goodpaster, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. John was a 60 year member of Ben Hur Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Abdallah Shrine. He leaves behind his wife Shirley, brother Gary and nephews Gary Jr. and Kevin. John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Garnet Beasley. A visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM Thursday, September 7, 2023 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. A private burial with honors will take place at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Colonel John Daniel Beasley III*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - September 06, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Colonel John Daniel Beasley III*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Shirley, We got back into town just in time to read that John had passed but too late for the gathering. John once told me that the best thing he had ever done was marry you. I know that he thought the world of you, as did those who new you at church. And, those that did not know you well certainly loved you baking. As I prayed for the two of you each day, I thought of John often. I did not know about his extended illness. I sense that you lost him twice and you certainly have our deepest sympathy. Richard and Diane Stohlmann (Metropolitan Ave UMC)*

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**Richard Stohlmann** - September 10, 2023 at 03:23 PM



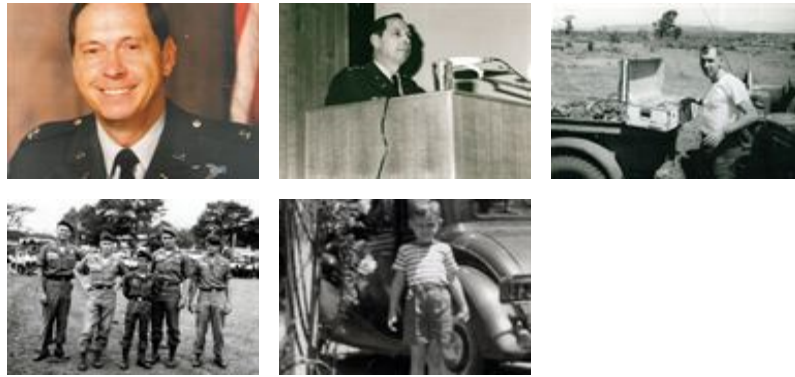
“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Colonel John Daniel Beasley III.*



September 06, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *90 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - September 06, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *John Wayne and Verna Raines purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Colonel John Daniel Beasley III.*



John Wayne and Verna Raines - September 06, 2023 at 10:31 AM

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“ *John Wayne and Verna Raines planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colonel John Daniel Beasley III.*

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**John Wayne and Verna Raines** - September 06, 2023 at 10:31 AM