



Lawrence Byrd

October 27, 1912 - October 25, 2006

Obituary for Lawrence Byrd

Funeral services for Lawrence "Shack" Byrd, 93, of Roswell will be held at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 1, 2006, with Bro. Early Cannon officiating. Burial will follow at South Park Cemetery. Lawrence passed away Wednesday, October 25, 2006, at Mission Arch Care Center.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 8 am to 8 pm Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006.

Lawrence was born on October 27, 1912 to Ivery and Genie Byrd in Lockhardt, Texas. He moved to Roswell fifty-one years ago from Grandview, Texas. Lawrence was a custodian at NMMI, receiving the Certificate for Service Award for efficiency and fidelity, and an award for Loyal and Faithful Service, for thirty-three years retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Church of Christ, and the NMMI Alumni Association. Lawrence enjoyed playing dominoes with his friends at the Tree, and running his greyhounds, and took pleasure in watching his family and friends play basketball and baseball, Lawrence was a loyal L.A. Dodger fan. He loved his family and left them with loving memories, that will be cherished the rest of their days. Everyone will miss running him to Church's for his daily chicken.

Lawrence is survived by his loving wife of over fifty years, Lula Byrd, of the family home; children, Willie James Byrd of Dallas, TX, Ola Mae White of Lubbock, TX, Lawrence Byrd Jr. of Hobbs, NM, Leroy Byrd of Albuquerque,

NM, Carolyn Byrd-Norris, of Roswell, David Byrd and his wife, Terri, of Albuquerque, NM, Richard Byrd and his wife, Susana, of Roswell, Tommy Byrd of Phoenix, AZ and Vickie Granado-Byrd of Roswell; and four generations of cherished grandchildren.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Cora and Minnie, a brother, Cefuss Byrd, and a son, James Byrd.

Pallbearers will be Rick Granado-Byrd, Charlie Reese, James Edwards, Kerry Williams, Dave Aguilar, Burnell Booker, Henry Reese, and Darrell Stacy.

Honorary pallbearers will be his sons, David, Ricky, and Tommy Byrd, and Tyjuan Evans.

To sign the register book online go to www.andersonbethany.com

The family will receive friends at the DAV Hall 1620 N. Montana following the service.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Byrd*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *my prayers go out to all of you. may god bless you all. shack "rude" will miss you.*

rudolph cobos - November 05, 2006 at 03:27 PM



“ *Just fond memories. Always had a smile!
God Bless
Kevin Cooper*

Kevin Cooper NMMI 76 - November 04, 2006 at 04:12 PM



“ *"Shack" was one of the great influences in my life. He provided me with a patient ear and advise when I was a Cadet at NMMI. He was truly one of the finest men I have ever known.*

jack R fox - November 01, 2006 at 06:24 PM



“ *COL Shack Byrd, You were a friend and compatriot to thousands of cadets at NMMI for generations. We enjoyed knowing you, having fun with you and learning from you and your wisdom. You will be missed. You were admired. My salute to you, Sir.*

Jock Brownfield - November 01, 2006 at 05:59 PM

JD

“ Thanks for the notification, we all remember "SHACK" and his smile.

Jack Dillon - November 01, 2006 at 04:13 PM

D6

“ I'm sorry to hear of Lawrence's passing. I knew him for the 4 years that I was a cadet at NMMI.
He was always a gentleman with a great outlook.

Dan Whitfield, 65JCG - November 01, 2006 at 03:55 PM

JH

“ A fine man, fondly remembered.

John Keating NMMI 1961 HSG - November 01, 2006 at 11:49 AM

JU

“ I was a cadet at NMMI from 1960 to 1965 and have many fond memories of Shack and his pitching pennies with cadets. He was a loyal friend to all!

Johnnie R. (Bob) Manning, Ret LTC, USA - November 01, 2006 at 11:35 AM

C'

“ Mr. Byrd was always a gentleman and always a friend to every Cadet on The Hill. I shall miss him in my memories. And, all good Cadets of NMMI should and will miss "Shack" in theirs also. We should be so lucky as to have the character and kindness possessed by this fine man.

W. C. Parnell

Colonel W. C. Parnell USA-Ret. NMMI '55HS/'57JC - November 01, 2006 at 11:06 AM

VR

“ *Lawrence Byrd*

victor palomares,adrian palomares, gracie rosales - November 01, 2006 at 10:37 AM

AS

“ *I will remember you always.
AI Shively Col. USMC Ret. NMMI JC 68*

AI Shively - November 01, 2006 at 10:29 AM

LJ

“ *COL "SHACK'S" Family, Not enough can be said about COL Shack, he was my surrogate Father whie I was at NMMI. He was my inspiration and my source of encouragement when things were gloomy. His constant smile; I remember well,and his ability to sort thru the complex and arrive to a simple recommendation was beyound normal human capability. Now that I am gone from NMMI, I often wonder how many cadets burdened him with our petty problems of growing up, and the COL alawys listened, smiled, laughed,and gave each of us his undivided attention more so gave us his valuable time and words of wisdom. I shall forever mourn him, he was my shinning lite at NMMI. GOD's Speed to you all.*

LTC(ret) George Mendoza JR - November 01, 2006 at 09:16 AM



Annette Aguirre

wish I could of got to know your grandpa... to many ppl in the way. But even though through all that I still miss you and love you. You are part of me always and forever. Annette Aguirre

Annette Aguirre - February 13, 2014 at 01:45 AM

TT

“ Col. Shack was a great inspirational influence on the campus of NMMI. No matter how your day was going, he made you smile and ease your worries. There is a reason he was called Colonel, respected as, and was always saluted. Everyone new him for his kind heart and dedication to the people he met to make life better.

Tyler Toles - October 31, 2006 at 06:04 PM

WB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Shack. He was a great guy. He was always nice to me while I was at NMMI and he always had a smile on his face. He could make me laugh even when I was having a bad day. May God love him and take him to heaven.

Will "Skinny" Brennan - October 31, 2006 at 04:39 PM

SS

“ As a cadet at NMMI from 1964-1968 it was always a pleasure to encounter Shack and he always would take very good care of me and all the cadets....what a wonderful man.....I must admit that we would play games of chace once and a while of which he would win @80% of the time.....we will all miss Shack very much and thank you, his family for sharing him with us. God Bless
Stirling Spencer

Stirling Spencer - October 31, 2006 at 03:02 PM

MD

“ Col. Shack,
What an icon! When I heard of the Colonel's passing, I thought of the history that he has witnessed at NMMI - - and the new found lost memories his life represents. What a "Pass in Review"
Mark Dow, JC71

Mark Dow - October 31, 2006 at 02:42 PM

CJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My best to all the family. May God's warm hands be on each of you.

COL (Ret) Stanley W. Johnston, Jr. - October 31, 2006 at 02:39 PM

FC

“ As a former cadet now 40+ years ago, "Shack" was a true gentleman and an honor to know. He led by example and had the respect of the Corps. He was a quiet giant that will be missed.

Frank Coggins - October 31, 2006 at 01:50 PM

TN

“ I received an email from another NMMI grad about COL Shack. I remember him with great fondness. He was an unfailing source of good humor and positive attitude. It was a special pleasure to run into him when I was a struggling new cadet and he was a respected presence to all old cadets. He was one-of-a-kind.

T. J. Hall, III - NMMI'68 - October 31, 2006 at 01:32 PM

JM

“ I am one of the may cadets who attended NMMI that Shack touched. We all like and respected him. I am sure he as a special place in heaven. Jim Matchin

Jim Matchin - October 31, 2006 at 12:23 PM

MH

“ It has always been a pleasure to call you my friend

Marvis Hunter - October 31, 2006 at 10:50 AM

KC

“ Dear Lula-

I am deeply sorry for your loss. If you need or just want to talk or just visit call me anytime at 505-623-1849. These scriptures help me when Im down. I hope they help you also: Revelation 21:3,4 & Isaiah 25:8

Kathy Hernandez Cordova - October 31, 2006 at 10:40 AM