



## Carl Vernon Marris

August 8, 1930 - July 12, 2021

Carl Vernon Marris, 90, of Rockdale Texas departed this life peacefully on Monday, July 12th at home surrounded by family. He was born in Cairo, Illinois on August 08, 1930 to the late John Franklin Marris and Hattie Marie (Frank) Marris, He was the youngest of 10 children. Carl was preceded in death by, 4 brothers, Orville Marris (Eva), Albert Marris, Frank Marris (Lucille), and Ernest Marris (Bernice), and 5 sisters, Christine Duncan (Red), Juanita Talley (John), Bertha Grigsby (Aaron), Florence Vaughn(Joyce), and Edna Hipps (James). He grew up helping the family by delivering milk, worked in an ice house and also worked as a gas station attendant. He enjoyed fishing, camping, baseball, bowling and spending time with his family.

In 1948, he enlisted into the United States Air Force at the young age of 18. Carl did his basic training in Cheyenne, Wyoming. When he went back to Cairo on leave, he went on a blind date where he met the future Mrs. Beulah Irene (Schultz) Marris. They were married on August 5, 1949. During the early years of their marriage, they were stationed at Scott AFB, Illinois where their first child, a son, Michael Lee Marris was born. They later were transferred to Gunter AFB, Alabama where their daughter, Patricia Lynn (Marris) Nowlin was born. Carl spent most of his career in the Air Force working in support and transportation. On August 1, 1973, he was stationed at Kirkland AFB in Albuquerque, NM. where he retired as assistant IG of nuclear safety. During his

tenure with the Air Force, Carl was awarded the United Nations Medal, Longevity Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

After his retirement, Carl dedicated 20 years to the Houston Police Department as a K-9 handler in the bomb detection unit. In 1983, Carl and his partner, Champ were honored in the 100 Club for the detection of bombs planted at an oil refinery on the Houston ship channel.

Carl was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be deeply missed by all. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Beulah Irene (Schultz) Marrs. He leaves behind a son, Michael Lee Marrs and wife Rebecca of Georgetown, Texas; daughter Patricia Lynn (Marrs) Nowlin and husband Alan of Rockdale, Texas; his grandchildren, John C. Armbruster and wife Gretchen of Commerce City, Colorado; David A. Nowlin and wife Stevie of Rockdale, Texas; Michael C. Nowlin of Rockdale, Texas and Dana Miller of Commerce City, Colorado. Great-grandchildren, Jerrid, Brooklyne and Hanna Armbruster; Logan, Austin, Nick and Aerith Nowlin along with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

A graveside service will be held on August 9, 2021 at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, 4400 W Kenyon Ave, Denver, Colorado, shelter "B" at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Logan National Cemetery**

4400 W. Kenyon Ave.  
Denver, CO

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

AUG 9. 2:30 PM (MT)

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Denver, CO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Vernon Marrs.*



August 05, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Carl and Beulah became our friends in the late 60s, when we all lived at Fort Richardson, Alaska. We bowled together, camped together, and became fast friends. Our youngest daughter was born in Anchorage, and they were like second parents to her. Our paths diverged, with military assignments to diverse places, but the friendship endured. We watched each other's children grow and prosper, and then came the grandchildren. You've never see prouder grandparents than those two! We visited when we could, always enjoying each other's company even when it was a while between visits, keeping in touch between those visits. When my husband died last year, Carl called, messaged, emailed, giving me moral support when I needed it most. I will miss him so much, and my sympathy goes out to Pat and Mike, their spouses and the grandchildren. He was one of "the good guys", a truly wonderful person, and the world needs more like him.*

**Patricia Rogers** - August 04, 2021 at 09:43 AM



*Thank you for writing that, Pat. I know my parents thought the world of you and your family. True friends till the end.*

**Patricia Nowlin** - September 29, 2021 at 12:58 AM

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“ Carl was a good friend of mine. He lived on the same block as I in Aurora, Colorado. When I would take my dogs for their daily afternoon walk, I would make sure that we would walk by Carl’s house. He would often be sitting in his rocking chair on the driveway with his beloved dog, Cookie. As I approached his house, he would greet me with his familiar “Hey, Dave! Want a beer?” Of course, my response would always be, “You bet I would!” He would have an extra chair that I would pull out of the garage and sit next to him. He had a refrigerator in the garage that was always stocked with cold beer. There we were, Carl and Cookie and me and my three dogs just sitting there in the shade of his driveway talking about anything from the Broncos to baseball, from politics to the weather. I truly miss those afternoons. I still walk my dogs past his old house and relive those memories, hoping to somehow see him and Cookie sitting in that old rocking chair and offering me a beer and some good conversation. I bless my good friend Carl and his wonderful family. I am comforted in knowing that he is in heaven with his wife and, of course, his beloved Cookie.

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**Dave Stidger** - August 02, 2021 at 04:51 AM