



James Olav Saboe

January 22, 2016

Saboe, James Olav James Olav Saboe died peacefully at his home on January 22, 2016, in the presence of Mary, his wife of 48 years, at the age of 70. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Myrtle and Olav Saboe, and his foster parents Delores and Sam Carlson. He is survived by Mary, daughter Alexandra Hoffner (Tim), son James Anthony Saboe (Janet), grandchildren Julia Hoffner and Jacob Hoffner, brother John Saboe (Judy), and extended family and friends. James was born on August 7, 1945.

Orphaned at age 16, he continued his schooling and graduated from Brainerd High School in 1963. James received his Baccalaureate degree in 1967, was drafted by the Army three days later, and received his commission as an officer in the United States Army in 1968. He and Mary were married on December 22, 1967. James served in Viet Nam in 1969 as part of the Mobile Riverine Force in the Mekong Delta. He graduated from law school in 1975 and practiced law for 40 years. After three years on active military duty, James joined the Army Reserve where, among other positions, he commanded the 360th Psychological Operations Battalion and the 205th Infantry Brigade (Light). His last military position was as Chief of Staff of the 88th Regional Support Command. James retired from the Army in 1998 at the rank of colonel after thirty-one years of service. The Bronze Star with V device, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Legion of Merit were among the many awards he earned during his military career. James was a graduate of the United States

Army War College and a member of the Officer Candidate School (OCS) Hall of Fame. James most beloved place on earth will always be the cabins at Scott Lake and the quarter section of land in Crow Wing County, on which they stand. It was home to him, a place of renewal, solace, hope and beauty. He gave his heart to Mary and his family, but his spirit will always remain at Scott Lake. Services to celebrate James' life here and to herald the new one awaiting him will be held at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel, 1 Tower Ave., Fort Snelling, MN 55111, at 12 (noon) on Thursday, January 28, 2016 with visitation starting at 11 am. Burial will follow at 1:45 pm at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Meet at Assembly Area #2 to attend the graveside service. Visitation at Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel, 1838 East Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55407 from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. Please join Mary and the family for a luncheon and fellowship at the Embassy Suites, 7901 34th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425 following the service. Memorials to the Crow Wing County Historical Society, PO Box 722, Brainerd, MN 55401, the Wounded Warrior Project, or the charity of your choice. washburn-mcreavy.com Nokomis Park Chapel 612-7231-1651

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mary:

As you know, I had the privilege of serving COL. Saboe as his intelligence officer when he commanded the Brigade. I served with him again when he was Chief of Staff of the 88th and I was on MG Steiner's Special Staff. Serving under or with COL. Saboe was demanding - he never compromised his standards and he knew where he wanted to go. It was also a pleasure, precisely because of his standards and clear vision.

I served two other commanders who taught me as much, none who taught me more. I will treasure my memories of soldiering with COL. Saboe as long as I live.

Thank you for calling me and letting me know COL Saboe was in his final illness; the opportunity to ask you to pass along to him my particular respect and affection was one I am glad you afforded me.

*Larry A. Frost
LTC, Intelligence Corps
U. S. Army (Ret)*

Larry Frost - January 31, 2016 at 01:34 PM

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“ *Russ and I were so sad to hear about Col Sabo's passing. He was Chief of Staff when we were at the 88th, Russ as the IG and I as Protocol. His sense of humor was devilish and his charming smile was mischievous. He was very proud of his wife and children. Our thoughts are with you. Judy and Russ Latherow.*

Judy and Russ Latherow - January 30, 2016 at 05:24 PM

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“*Mary and Family, Please accept My Deepest Sympathy with Your Loss of Jim. It was a Pleasure to Serve with Him in Vietnam as His Radioman. Both being from Minnesota, We shared a Common Bond that Developed into a Wonderful Friendship that made Our Days go by a Little Easier. Unfortunately, Our Lovers waiting at Home took Priority, and We Lost touch with Each Other. Mary, thanks for Calling Me, I thought I might be Getting Dementia, until You Straightened Me Out. Charlie 3 (Jim), this is Charlie 3 6 Oscar (Steve), We done Good! Now Rest, and I'll see You on the other side.*

steven newman - January 27, 2016 at 05:04 PM

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“*Remembering Jim...a fine fellow lawyer and a great soldier.*

*Clark M. Iverson
COL (RET) USAR
Chief of Staff 88th ARCOM 87-90*

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Clark M. Iverson - January 27, 2016 at 04:38 PM