



# Anthony Tranell McRuffin

March 11, 1971 - September 14, 2018

## Life and Legacy

Anthony (Tony) Tranell McRuffin was born March 11, 1971 in Los Angeles, California to Linda and Henry McRuffin. He was called home to eternal rest on Friday, September 14, 2018.

Anthony attended elementary, middle and high school in California. Growing up as a child and young adult he was affectionately called “Tony”. As a child, Tony was known to be independent, self reliant with a mind wanting to explore and see the world on his own terms. At the age of 17, three months before his high school graduation, Tony followed a strong sense of duty and service and enlisted into the United States Army in 1989. After 26 years of exemplary service, he retired as a Sergeant First Class, August 31, 2015. Anthony holds an Associate Degree in Business Administration.

Sergeant First Class Anthony McRuffin, USA (Ret.) enlisted into the US Army on August 15, 1989 and attended basic training at Fort Knox, KY and advance individual training at Fort Lewis, WA where he was awarded the MOS of 19D, Calvary Scout. SFC McRuffin became a Drill Sergeant in 2000 and ultimately a Senior Drill Sergeant within a year at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. As a Calvary Scout his assignments included; Company Delta 1/9th Cav, Fort Lewis, WA; HHT 5/17 CAV 2ID, Korea, HHC 2/7 CAV, Fort Hood, HHC, 1st BN, 72nd AR

2ID, Camp Casey, Korea, 2/11 HHT 2D SPT SQD, Fort Irwin, CA, and CO C, 1/46 AG BN Recp, Fort Knox, KY. He later reclassified to become a Logistician (Petroleum Lab Specialist). As a Logistician, his assignments included Fort Lee, VA and Fort Bragg, NC. His deployments include: Kuwait and Afghanistan.

SFC McRuffin, USA, Ret. awards and decorations include The Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), The Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award), The Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), The Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), The National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NATO Medal. He also has the Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Air Assault Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge. SFC McRuffin, USA, Ret. was also a member and treasurer of the Distinguished Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Immediately after retiring Anthony started a second career with Midlothian BMW as a Sales Consultant and quickly became the top sales person on the team.

Anthony was a loving husband, father, son, brother that was a generous provider for his family that loved his wife, Andrea and children. His passions included cars, motorcycles, video games, golf, football and most importantly the Dallas Cowboys, "How bout them Cowboys"!

Anthony leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted and loving wife, Andrea C. Jackson McRuffin; sons, Anthony McRuffin Jr., Aaron and Aundreas Lopez; daughters Tiva, Anyah and Adriana McRuffin and Kayl'n Vives; parents, Henry McRuffin and Linda (Robert) Pahrn; siblings, Qiana and Kevin Pahrn;

Andrea's parents, Houston and Elaine Jackson Jr.; aunt, Anita (Earl) McKinley; uncle, Eric (Angela) Carter; cousin, April McKinley; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and caring friends. "Blood makes you a relative it doesn't necessarily make you family". He also leaves Dexter Holley, James William, Mark & Joshuajuan Hinton, Derrick & Anissa Johnson, Jason & Angel Alston, Athalia Lewis, Ann Kirkland, Jose Hernandez, Gwendolyn Daniels and Curtis Kaiser. Thank you for being this family's rock!

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### viewing

SEP **24.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

### Wake

SEP **24.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

### Service

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ Anthony Tranell McRuffin

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I am keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.” I knew him from the 1st TSC, Army days. God Bless!



Michelle Grissom - September 25, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ I had the honor of serving with SFC McRuffin in Kabul, Afghanistan. He volunteered to help out on our MASCAL team as an additional duty. He didn't have to do it - and it required extra hours and middle of the night duties, but he was always there with a smile. I pray that the fond memories of him comfort his family & friends during this most difficult time. Rest in peace, friend.

Rachele Adkins - September 25, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ A true leader and a great friend. Someone you can always depend on and had always shown great passion and compassion, even in the toughest of times. We served at Bragg together, and even through my struggles, he kept the light burning in me. Motivation, professionalism, and an overall grip on reality; he always kept us striving to be our best. God called him home, and I know he is still going to look out for us all. My heart goes out to the military family and blood related. See you again one day brother, keep that light on for us we are called home. God Bless, Hoooooah!

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**Cliff Eggert** - September 25, 2018 at 01:33 PM

MB

“ RIP my friend. You will not be forgotten! I pray that your family finds peace.

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**Monica Bailey** - September 25, 2018 at 01:01 PM

BU

“ Miss you brother praying for family

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**Boyce C Ulmer** - September 25, 2018 at 12:04 PM

  
Michael  
Drayton

“ SFC McRuffin was one of the greatest NCOs, Mentor and a guy you called friend. He always had a smile on his face No matter what. We service together at Fort Bragg and deployed to Afghanistan. To his family my condolences I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family

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**Michael Drayton** - September 25, 2018 at 09:46 AM

Paul  
Brown

“ *My condolences to one of the finest Soldiers in my lifetime. Prayers to all of Ruffs family. Rest in Heaven!*

Paul Brown - September 25, 2018 at 09:41 AM

TM

“ *Tammie McNealy lit a candle in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin*



Tammie McNealy - September 25, 2018 at 01:34 AM

CP

“ *A mother's child, a soldier strong. A husbands heart! A father's love. With us just so long! We light a candle in your memory to remind us of your beautiful spirit that remains a part of all that knew and loved you.*

*Always with in our hearts on earth, we know you are in God's hands now! God bless your family and we salute you in your heavenly home!*

*Love,*

*Your cousin Cheryl Martin Profit*



Cheryl Martin Profit - September 25, 2018 at 12:57 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony Tranell McRuffin.*



September 25, 2018 at 12:20 AM



“ *My condolences to his family..Mc was a great NCO..We served together at Fort Bragg...*

**Lolita Lyles** - September 24, 2018 at 11:44 PM



“ *SFC McRuffin was one of greatest NCOs and friend a guy could have in the Army. We service together at Fort Bragg and deployed to Afghanistan. To his family I am sorry for you loss and my prayers go out to you all.*

**CW3 Larry Lyons** - September 24, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ *May God comfort you and the family in the loss of your loved one. We Send our condolences on behalf of our dear sister in Christ, stewardess, Mary Helen Stringer Sis Jan Gordon, Los Angeles, CA*

**Jan Gordon** - September 24, 2018 at 01:34 PM



*Rest easy battle. We love you, but God loves you more.*

**Carolyn Washington-Maybin** - September 25, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *My condolences to the family for your loss. 🙏*



**Marshall Anderson Jr.** - September 24, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *So sorry for your family's lost. Tony will be missed dearly. Rest peacefully brother..*



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**Felecia Fadeyi** - September 23, 2018 at 10:51 PM



“ *Scottie Johnson sends condolences* 🙏



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**Scottie Johnson** - September 23, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anthony Tranell McRuffin.*



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September 23, 2018 at 04:52 PM

SC

“ *The loss of Tony leaves a large hole in your heart that cannot be filled. However, knowing all the love ones that welcomed him helps. I can only imagine that hug, kisses and smiles that he received. Until you meet him again just remember the love and joy you shared with him.*



*Love you  
Shirley*

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**Shirley Carter** - September 23, 2018 at 01:23 PM

CS

“ *Cousin Chan, LaTrell, JoAnn, Maya & Selah purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anthony Tranell McRuffin.*



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**Cousin Chan, LaTrell, JoAnn, Maya & Selah** - September 23, 2018 at 01:17 PM

EG

“ *So very sorry for your loss Andrea and family may God bring peace in your time of sorrow. Love you Evelyn Hardy Garrett*

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**Evelyn Garrett** - September 22, 2018 at 09:42 PM

AJ

“ *My dude! My Brother, I miss you like crazy and will miss you forever!!! I'm sad you can't be with us, I'm happy that your pain is gone. You can rest assured I will always check on, help out, visit your Dre and the girls, Rest easy my brotha I love you!!! How bout them Cowboys....*

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**Anissa Johnson** - September 22, 2018 at 08:46 PM

DC

“ *Deric & Allison Clemons purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Anthony Tranell McRuffin.*



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**Deric & Allison Clemons** - September 22, 2018 at 01:21 PM

DJ

“ *Doris Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin*



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**Doris Jackson** - September 22, 2018 at 07:20 AM

AL

“ *Adrienne Little lit a candle in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin*



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**Adrienne Little** - September 22, 2018 at 07:02 AM

TL

“ *The song has ended but the melody linkers on . God received a real soldier when you entered into the gates of heaven. We won't say goodbye just see you later. We love you RIH Tony . Love you Nan, Terri, Toya , Ivory and Jaelin* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

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**Terri Lee** - September 21, 2018 at 09:23 PM

TJ

“ *Trina V. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin*



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**Trina V. Jackson** - September 21, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony Tranell McRuffin.*



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September 21, 2018 at 07:05 PM

CR

“ *Carl And Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin*



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**Carl and Rosemary Ruth** - September 21, 2018 at 06:01 PM

 Darrell Carter

“ *Sending love and prayers of comfort*

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**Darrell Carter** - September 21, 2018 at 05:22 PM



*Prayers of comfort for you and the family. Love, Guy and Jackie*

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**Jacqueline Strother** - September 21, 2018 at 08:26 PM

AM

“ I miss you daddy and I love you

Anyah Mcruffin - September 21, 2018 at 05:16 PM

AM

“ I love you Daddy and I miss you very much I hope you have a good day up there in heaven

Adriana McRuffin - September 21, 2018 at 05:13 PM

GT

“ Gwendolyn Henry Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin



Gwendolyn Henry Thomas - September 21, 2018 at 02:42 PM

JO

“ JoyReeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin



JoyReeves - September 21, 2018 at 01:37 PM

HF

“ We are truly going to miss you Anthony. You will always be in our hearts. "To God Be The Glory!!!"



Houston & Elaine Jackson, Jr. & Family - September 21, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ *I love you dad.* ”



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**Courtney Elie** - September 20, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ *Britica Stokes lit a candle in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin* ”



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**Britica Stokes** - September 20, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ *Lesley Crutchfield lit a candle in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin* ”



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**Lesley Crutchfield** - September 19, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ *Debra Stokes lit a candle in memory of Anthony Tranell McRuffin* ”



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**debra stokes** - September 18, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 17, 2018 at 04:48 PM

MH

*I love you and I miss you 🥹 uncle Mac  
Mya*

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**Mya Holley** - September 21, 2018 at 07:10 PM

YE

*An amazing husband, father son, Soldier and Friend. Will always remember our great memories of three hour long Phase Ten games over Kahlua Coffee. Rest In Peace my friend.  
Yemi*

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**Yemi** - September 21, 2018 at 07:18 PM

WI

*God gives his hardest battle to his strongest soldiers, so God tap your back for job well done Tony. He only takes the Best.you were the Best Husband, the Best Father, wonderful Son, the Best uncle, and the Best Nephew. We will forever cherish our memories of the good times we shared. To God be the glory. James & Winnie Perry*

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**winnie** - September 22, 2018 at 12:26 AM

SB

*May God comfort the entire family during your time of loss.*

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**SFC (R) Orlando Bridges** - September 24, 2018 at 09:57 AM