



SFC Fredrica Arnold

June 26, 1951 - July 21, 2024

SFC Fredrica Anne Arnold was born in Hagerstown, Maryland in June of 1951.

She attended the National Cathedral and Grier schools.

At 18, she was the first woman to enlist in the WV national guard and spent her entire life building a career in the military in several branches. She retired from the 67th Army Band of the Wyoming National Guard with honors. She was a decorated soldier, including having achieved Non-Commissioned Officer of the year.

She passed away on Sunday 21 July 2024 at 5:35am at the Poudre Canyon Health and Rehab Center in Ft Collins Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents Nell T and Arthur G Arnold Jr and her ex-husband's John M Robinson and Charles J Kopack Sr.

She is survived by her children, her daughter Fredrica "Rica" (Robinson) Blanc and her husband Craig. Her granddaughter Sabrina and her great grandchildren Regina, Wylie Jr, Jaelah, Wyllow and K'aeci. Her son Charles "CJ" Kopack and his wife Toni-Marie and her grandchildren Nataylia and Charles (Joey) III. Her son Dr. Christopher Kopack.

Cremation was chosen and services will be private.

She will then be ultimately laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Buckley SFB military Retiree Activities Office (RAO) would like to offer our sincere condolences and our gratitude for SFC Arnold’s distinguished service to our country in the Army. If you would like help with any matters related to casualty assistance, Defense Finance & Accounting Service, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Veterans Affairs (VA), etc. you can contact our office on Buckley SFB at 720-847-6693 or raobuckley@gmail.com. The RAO is staffed by volunteers, all military retirees themselves, and our sole purpose is to provide assistance to any military retirees and surviving spouses/family members with anything related to their military service and/or benefits, in particular during difficult times such as this. We are deeply sorry for your loss.*

*Steve Young
Lt Col, USAF, Ret
Director, Buckley SFB RAO*

Steve Young - July 31, 2024 at 02:49 PM

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“ *I remember helping Fredrika at Laramie County community college for her classes. She’s always been a hoot. She will definitely be missed.*

Elizabeth Chambers - July 30, 2024 at 11:28 PM



Anthony
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“ *What a great woman who raised a man to watch over my daughter and grandchildren. The epidemic of military decorum, even in civilian life. My memory is simple... In the aftermath of 9/11 then President Bush opened reenlistment opportunities to Retirees I had considered enlisting back in the USAF where I had already spent 21 years... At our granddaughter, Natalia's, 1st birthday party at the Denver Zoo I was chatting about it. When she heard about my interest in returning to active duty, she began a recruiting pitch offering me... Well, that does not matter... It would have been awesome to have retired from the USAF and then from the USAF parent branch the US Army. Her tenacity in her military calling was obvious... While I do not know much about her, I do know I liked her...*

Anthony Gagliardi - July 30, 2024 at 09:30 PM