

# William D. "Bill" Brantley



Services for William D. "Bill" Brantley, 25th ID LRRPs, 1966 will be held at the [Florida National Cemetery](#) on Monday 2 Feb, 2015 at 1300.

Any LRRPs or Rangers in the AO who can attend are invited to do so, we will meet at the Administration Building at 1230.

We will conduct the "Once an Eagle Ceremony" to lay our friend at rest.

**Florida National Cemetery**  
**6502 Southwest 102nd Avenue**  
**Bushnell, FL 33513**  
**Phone: (352) 793-7740**  
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# Caballero Rivero Palms Woodlawn

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## In Memory of William David Brantley

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William David Brantley, age 68, passed away from cancer in his home under hospice care on the morning of Jan. 27, 2015. Bill's death comes on the heels of his older brother John Phillip Brantley dying from Leukemia on Dec. 31, 2014.

Bill was born on Feb. 13, 1946 in Ocala, FL and grew up in Coleman, FL, a little town in Central Florida just outside of Wildwood. He graduated from Wildwood High School in 1964. While in high school he played football with the Wildwood Wildcats. Bill was 185 pounds and played nose tackle on defense and end on offense. He was voted Most School Spirited by his senior classmates. Upon graduation, in 1964, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving state side, in Alaska, Hawaii, and in South Vietnam.

Bill 'met' his wife of 45 years, Aurora (Kika) Perales Brantley, as pen pals, through mutual friends, while serving in Vietnam as a Ranger with the first Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Company (LRRP), 25th Infantry Division, stationed in South Vietnam between August 1966 and June 1967. Sergeant Brantley completed his service in August 1967, after earning a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, among other medals.

Meanwhile, Aurora graduated from Miami Coral Park High School in June 1967 and began her career with Southern Bell/AT&T in 1967. Bill came home from the service and he and Aurora met and fell in love immediately.

After dating for two years, Aurora and Bill were married in August 1969. The Brantley's moved to the Redlands in 1973 and Bill operated a successful nursery & plant broker business (Cuda Enterprises) for many years.

Bill had many business and personal friends and enjoyed hours of conversation with them while sipping on a cup of coffee or Café con Leche. He was generous and friendly with everyone he met and will be greatly missed.

In addition to his loving wife Aurora, Bill is survived by his sister, Carolyn Kaye Brantley; his nephew, John Philip Brantley Jr.; niece, Cindy Brantley Saunders; and sister-in-law, Mary Brantley.

Additionally, he is survived by the children of his niece and nephew and his loving Perales family brothers and sisters-in-law as well as their children and grand children.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at the Caballero Rivero Palms Woodlawn Funeral Home located at 27100 Old Dixie Highway, Naranja, FL 33032 PH: (305) 247-4218. Visitation hours are between 4 to 6 P.M. A brief religious memorial service will occur at 5 P.M. with tributes by family and friends to follow.

Bill, will be interred approximately 30 miles away from his hometown at the VA Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. The Bushnell service will be held on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015, attended by family, friends, and some members of his LRRP unit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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John & Patty Fisher (Homestead, FL)

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Gentlemen,

Attached is a copy of Bill Brantley's obituary.

In addition, the mortuary web site has about 30 pictures of Bill, including a couple of Bill in the LRRPs and several of Kika and him.

Link to the site:

[http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=William-Brantley&lc=9546&pid=173990399&uuid=b1eee600-6b7d-4487-9062-9391f2e32a90&locale=en\\_US](http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=William-Brantley&lc=9546&pid=173990399&uuid=b1eee600-6b7d-4487-9062-9391f2e32a90&locale=en_US)

RIP Bill

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