



# Gunther Carl Bengston

August 28, 1947 - November 10, 2022

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Gunther was born August 28, 1947 in Karlshure Germany to Norman and Elisabeth Bengston. He was the eldest of 4 children, Randy, Janet and Brian. When Gunther was a year old they moved to Rock Island, IL where they lived for 8 years, then moved to Omaha, NE where he grew up and graduated from North High School.

In 1966 Gunther made the decision to enlist in the United States Army serving in the Vietnam War. Gunther was a member of the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP), 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. LRRP's worked in 6 man teams which were inserted behind enemy lines with the main objective to gather intel on large scale enemy forces, set up air strikes, conduct raids also prisoner snatches under the direct command of a General officer. Gunther worked his way up from being an RTO (radio/telephone operator) to a Senior Scout position and was being groomed to be a team leader with the LRRPs at the time he was severely wounded by machine gun fire on 1 November 1967. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Due to the severity of his wounds he was treated and transferred to Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver CO where he spent a year and a half in rehabilitation learning to read, write and walk again. During his recovery at Fitzsimons his faith sustained him and he never allowed his injuries to hinder or defeat him from living a full life.

Gunther later attended college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and graduated with a Bachelors Degree. He worked as a property manager in Cedar Falls, IA and Omaha, NE. In 1980 he began working for the United States Postal Service in Lincoln, NE where he completed 30 years of employment retiring in 2009.

In 2004 Gunther married Marilyn, they were soul mates and best friends. Gunther's greatest joys were spending time with his family and caring for his acreage. He had an incredible strong relationship and influence with Marilyn's 3 boys Jeff, Jason and Justin

who he loved as sons.

Anyone that knew Gunther knows that he lived with a strong faith, had a unique sense of humor, was a very loyal man with a great love for his family, his country and his Army Brothers.

# Cemetery Details

## Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road  
Omaha, NE 68138

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ Gunther was a good man, I just learned of his passing. He was married to my mom in the 90s and taught me a lot of things as a father figure. I learned how to change my oil because of him. My condolences to his wife and sons.

Rachel D Miller - July 31, 2025 at 12:41 AM

JM

“ Gunther and I were classmates at North high. I knew him to have a good sense of humor and a high level of humanity. His subsequent life is an encouragement go all men and an honor to his memory.

John Miller - July 27, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ Gunther Carl Bengston

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SW

“ I did not know of Gunther's passing, I am so sorry Marilyn, for you and the boys. Please know you have our sincere Condolences. Hugs to you... I am so sorry. Marilyn We've missed Gunther coming to 3M bringing flowers to you, before you retired. We had him trained to bring flowers to the Security girls too. He was such a kind and thoughtful man. You are in our Thoughts and Prayers.

Susan Walling - November 17, 2022 at 11:55 AM

SK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Bengston family especially Gunther's sons Brent & Jamie, their wives Jen & Jennifer, and grandchildren Maddie, Elisabeth, Ian and Patrick. I was Gunther's sister-in-law for the 20+ years he was married to the love of his life, my sister Diane and we remained friends over the years Rest In Peace Gunther and say Hi to my sister for me.

Sandy Kleine - November 14, 2022 at 02:28 PM

KB

“ Gunther has been part of my family for almost my entire life. As a kid our families would get together. Brent and Jamie I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was a proud veteran, one who suffered much for his country. In spite of that he loved his family, he was a loyal friend and certainly someone to look up to. Rest in Peace dear Gunther you will be missed.

Kristen (Rowe) Baxter - November 14, 2022 at 10:45 AM

LS

“ I knew Gunther to be a man who suffered greatly due to the lost of his beloved first wife and the love of his life, Diane. To them was borne his sons Brent and Jamie, the love he had for his sons was evident in our conversations at the Valley Y and throughout my over 30 years as his neighbor. His sons were in many ways truly their Fathers sons. We spent many years going to baseball games and school events. He was a good guy with always an interesting personality.

Lori Schmidt - November 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM

CH

“ The Hansen family is so saddened by the loss of such a good man. He will be missed by many.

Cindi Hansen - November 12, 2022 at 01:28 PM

KH

Everyone that knew Gunther should read Six Silent Men by Reynal Martinez. They were and are true warriors, thank them for their service .I am glad your machines broke down so we could work on them and then have a beer.

Kieth A. Hansen - November 14, 2022 at 10:45 AM

NL

Marilyn, Jeff, Jason, Justin, Brent and Jamie, We are so sorry for your loss. It is hard to lose someone who has made such a great impact on so many lives. We are thankful for Gunther's service and the love and guidance he gave his beautiful family! Rest In Peace Gunther.

Larry and Nancy Larson

Nancy Larson - November 14, 2022 at 01:34 PM