



Edward J. Grimsley

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Edward "Ed" J. Grimsley passed away peacefully on October 4, 2021, at 72. Ed was born and raised in Dothan, Alabama, and was the youngest of five children. He was a graduate of Newville Rosenwald High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1969. Ed served as a Combat Engineer and later served as an Administrative Chief before his retirement in 1990.

In 1985 Ed met and fell in love with Annette, and they were married at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, on May 20, 1989, and had one son Brandon. After his retirement, Ed worked for Marine Corps Community Services in Okinawa, Japan. There, he continued his passion for caring for our nation's warriors. He managed a premium, cost-effective menu of programs and services designed to meet the needs and improve the quality of life for our Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and their families serving away from home. Ed also served in the Disbursing Office, Camp Butler, Marine Corps Base, Okinawa, Japan.

After returning to San Diego in 1999, Ed worked for the United States Navy as an Education Specialist, responsible for managing, administering, and monitoring the career advancement of all Navy enlisted personnel in and around the Naval Submarine Base, Point Loma. Ed retired a second time in 2016, after 18 years of civil service.

Ed was a kind, fun-loving gentleman who loved to help others, so he always made sure to find the time to be very active during his 21 years in The American Legion. Ed served as the Commander of American Legion Post 310 in San Diego, Commander of San Diego County District 22, Department Vice Commander, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, and Commander for The American Legion Department of California from 2019 to 2021. He loved the American Legion and was passionate about mentoring others to become more active in supporting and serving this great organization. In addition, Ed was a great husband, father, grandfather, and friend who loved cooking and feeding his fellow veterans and anyone who enjoyed his cuisine.



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Ed will be missed and forever remembered through the great legacy he has left behind. In addition to his wife, Annette Grimsley (USMC Retired Chief Warrant Officer and Legionnaire), Ed is survived by his four sons, Roger, Derrick & Brandon Grimsley, Randy Sewell; sister, Mary Grimsley, Daughter-in-law, Kenya Sewell, Sisters-in-law, Denise Weaver, Ruth and Rhonda Grimsley, Brother-in-law, Michael Weaver, grandchildren, Xavier and Gabrielle Sewell, and Madison Grimsley and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and close family friends.



Events


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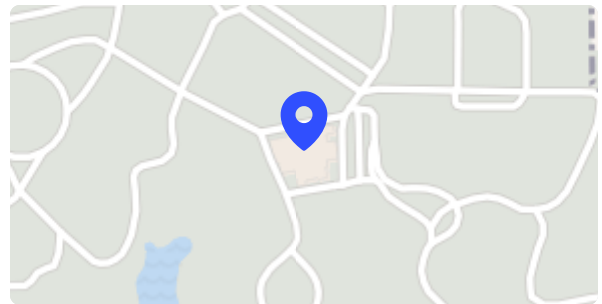
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, November 2, 2021

 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM PT


 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Garden Chapel**
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113

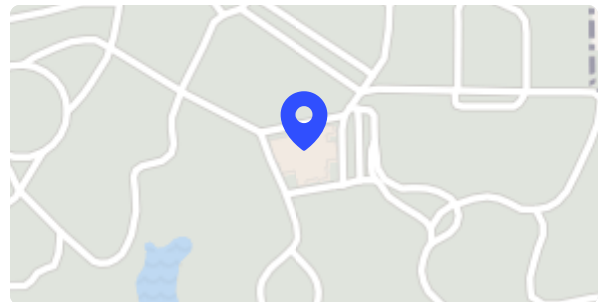


FUNERAL SERVICE

 **Wednesday**, November 3, 2021

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT


 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Garden Chapel**
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113

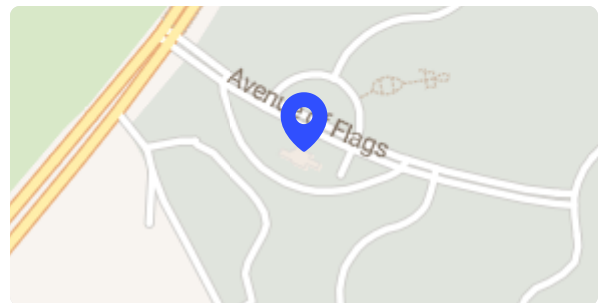


Committal Service with Honors


 **Wednesday**, November 3, 2021


 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM PT

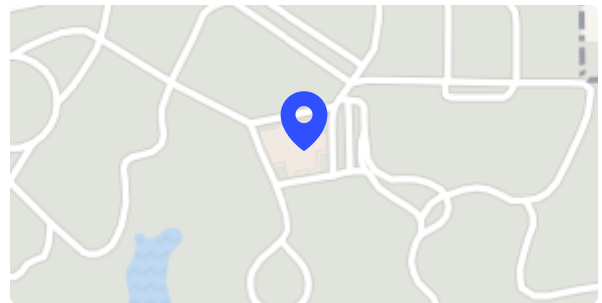
 **Miramar National Cemetery**
5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego CA 92121



Cemetery Details

 **Greenwood Memorial Park**
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113

 **(619) 450-1479**





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Grimsley family.

November 4 at 3:22 AM



Floyd & Mary Martin sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Grimsley family.

October 29 at 6:44 AM



Amy Gemmell posted:

Commander Ed Grimsley will forever be remembered by me, Amy Gemmell, for giving me the recipe for fried cabbage. Really other than that, he served the country and the American Legion with all his might. Rest in peace Commander.

October 20 at 5:19 PM



Rod Slavin President Alr 364 posted:

Annette please accept the condolences of the American Legion Riders Santee Chapter 364. Ed will be greatly missed.

October 20 at 2:06 PM



Lisa Waddington posted:

Annette, I am so sorry to hear of your beloved husband's passing. May God's angels wrap you in their wings and give you comfort and peace. Lisa

October 20 at 11:48 AM



Lisa Waddington lit a candle in honor of Edward.

October 20 at 11:47 AM





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Scott Estrada posted:

Pops! So sad hearing the passing of Ed. Weather he was collecting payment for Annettes famous brittle or just giving sound advice to us Skybox bartenders, he was always so kind and giving. You will be missed but never forgotten!- Scott Estrada

October 20 at 9:55 AM



Annette Grimsley sent a virtual gift in honor of Edward.



October 20 at 8:40 AM



Annette Grimsley lit a candle in honor of Edward.

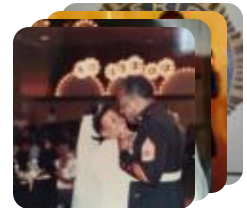


October 20 at 8:34 AM



Annette Grimsley shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Tribute by Annette "Once in a Lifetime" Once in a lifetime, if you are truly blessed, you meet someone whose presence ignites a burning fire within you. Someone whose warm smile and sensitive nature captures your heart. And you know in an instant, that the two of you were meant to be together. That's exactly how I felt about my husband. My heart grieves because he was my "once in a lifetime". And even though I may not have shown it as often as I should have, I knew how blessed I was to have him. He was everything to me, and I will spend forever loving him!



October 20 at 8:24 AM



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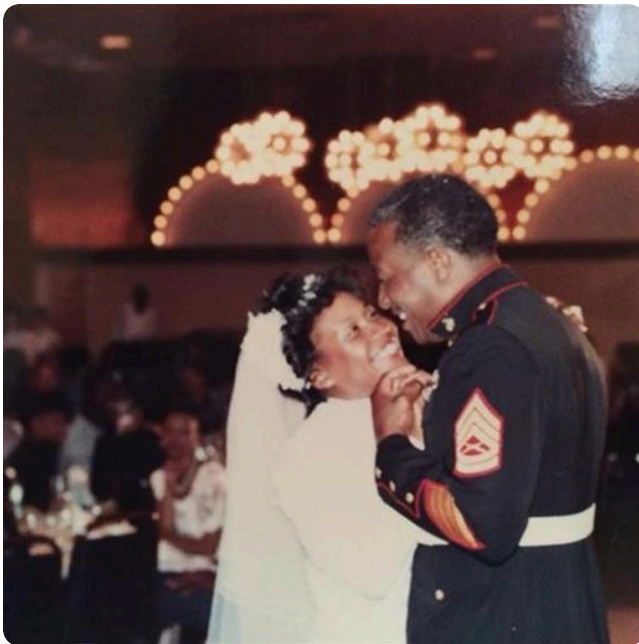
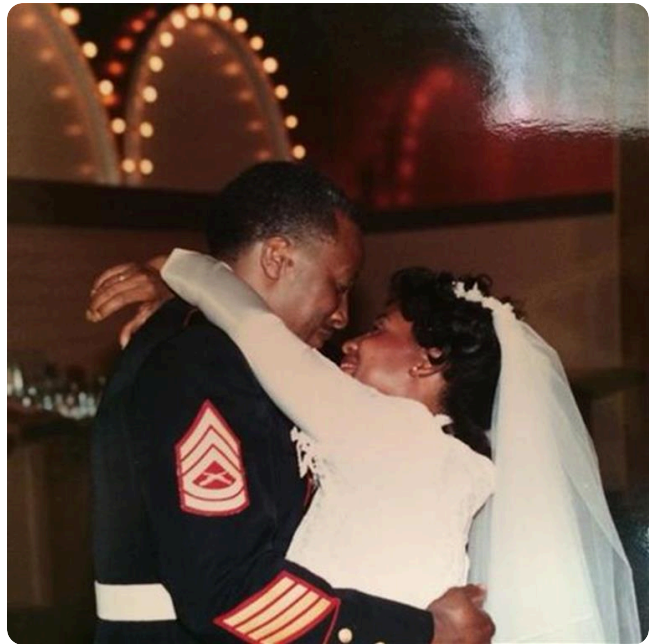


Denise Weaver October 20 at 9:29 AM

R.I.Power Bro-in-law ❤️🌹Ed Grimsley you going to be miss🌹❤️🌹👉👉👉👉👉



Denise Weaver October 20 at 9:31 AM
Beautiful picture of my sister and bro-in-law....





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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