

THE FINAL INSPECTION

The soldier stood and faced God,
which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
just as brightly as his brass.
"Step forward now, you soldier,
how shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To my Church have you been true?"
The soldier squared his soldiers and said,
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
can't always be a saint.
I've had to work most Sundays,
and at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
because the world is awfully rough.
But, I never took a penny,
that wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
when the bills just got too steep.
And I never passed a cry for help,
though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.
I know I don't deserve a place,
among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
except to calm their fears.
If you've a place for me here, Lord,
it needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
but if you don't, I'll understand."
There was a silence all around the throne,
where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly,
for the judgement of his God.
"Step forward now, you soldier,
you've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
you've done your time in Hell."

In Loving Memory

Inez Bailey

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Celebration of Life Service

1 p.m., Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Munden Funeral Home, Havelock, NC
Officiated by Rev. John B. Thompson Jr.

Order of Service

Family Processional

Opening Remarks

“10,000 Angels Cried” by LeAnn Rimes

Scripture Reading

“If You’re Reading This” by Tim McGraw

Scripture Reading & Closing Remarks

“Heaven Was Needing A Hero” by Jo Dee Messina

Closing Prayer



SFC Inez Bailey, US Army Retired, 53, of Havelock, passed away on Friday, September 10, 2021, at Carolina East Medical Center.

Inez was born on October 3, 1967, in Altus, Oklahoma, to the late Enrique and Susana Lopez and was blessed with a large family consisting of 13 siblings. After high school, Inez honorably served in the United States Army for 20 years as a Human Resource Specialist. She attended Vincennes University in Indiana where she received an Associate of Science Degree in General Studies in 1996. Continuing her education at the International Correspondence School in Scranton, Pennsylvania with a diploma in Animal Science that same year.

Her extensive military training included, the US Air Force, International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card (IMPAC), 2001; US Army, the Army Human Resource System, 2002; Antiterrorism Level 1 Awareness, 2002; Advanced Personnel Services Supervisor, 2001; Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinator, 1996; Logistics Management Development, 1995; Personnel Actions Supervisor, 1994; Leadership Development, 1991; and Personnel Actions Specialist, 1986.

Inez received numerous accolades and awards for superior performance and utilization of interpersonal skills during her military career. She was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in October of 2005, for meritorious service while serving as the Chief Administrative Officer and Casualty Section Supervisor for the 20,000 soldiers of the Multinational Corps in Iraq. The Meritorious Service Medal in December of 2002, for service as the Executive Secretary for the Commanding General, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea. A second Meritorious Service Medal in January of 2002, for service as the Supervisor of Personnel Services for the Army's Recruiting Command in Las Vegas, Nevada. And last, but certainly not least, The Humanitarian Service Medal in January 1992 for contributing to the relief of Haitian refugees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Monreal and wife Melissa of Italy; companion, William “Billy” Parker of Havelock; sisters, Estella Hinojosa and husband Antonio of Olustee, OK, Raymunda Walker and husband Joe of Hemphill, TX, Enriquetta Guerra and husband Armando of Oklahoma City, OK; brothers, Severo Lopez and wife Rosa of Blair, OK, Sebastian Lopez of Oklahoma City, OK, Andres Lopez of Olustee, OK, and Moses Lopez and wife Michelle of Altus, OK; and special doggies, Snoop Bailey, Lulu Bailey and grand doggie, Maximus Monreal.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew James Bailey; son, Nathan David Heider; and brothers, Thomas Lopez, Margarito Lopez, Santana Lopez, Juan Lopez, Jesus Lopez, Enrique Lopez, Jr.

Online condolences may be made at www.mundenfuneralhome.net
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