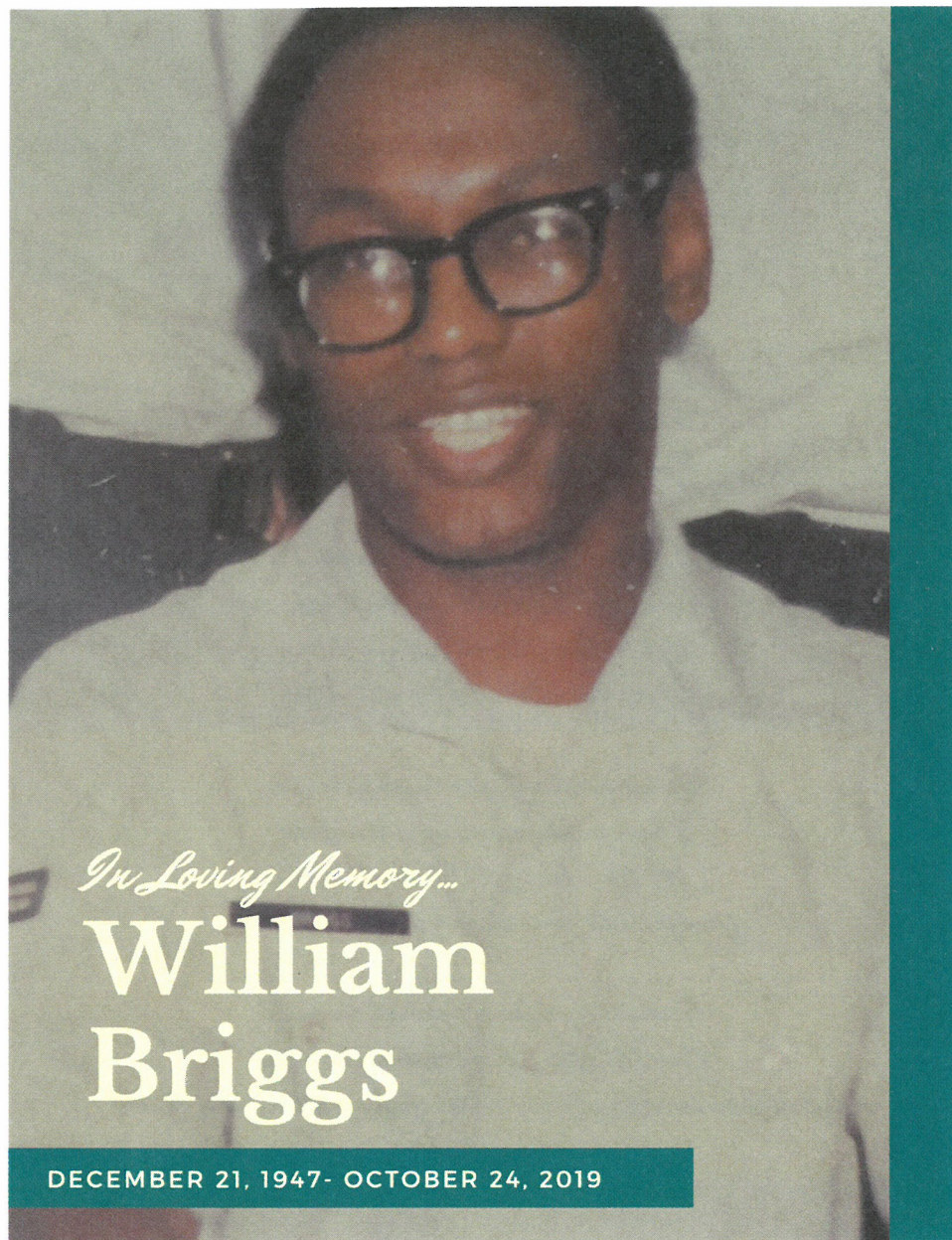


*We the Briggs Family would like to Thank everyone  
for their prayers, love and support as we send  
William home.*



*In Loving Memory...*  
**William  
Briggs**

DECEMBER 21, 1947- OCTOBER 24, 2019

## Obituary

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
O yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee God wanted me now: He set  
me free...*

William Briggs was born on December 21, 1947 to Etta B. Wysinger & Herman Briggs Sr in Portland Oregon. He has four brothers and one sister; Herman Jr., Robert (his identical twin), Richard, Shawn and Brenda. Young William attended Beach Elementary school and Jefferson High school. He began his military service right after high school. Serving a total of 24 years 3 months 3 Days in multiple branches.

United States Navy 19-Jan-1967 to 16-Oct-1970; United States Air National Guard 22-Dec-1984 to 16-Dec-1999; United States Air Force Reserves for the remainder of his duty. He received numerous awards and medals during his enlistment. CBT RDY MDL 3; NTL DEF SVC MDL 1; AF LGY SVC MDL 3; ARF MER SVC MDL 4; State Awards: ORNG FAITHFUL DEC 1996; SVC AWD 15 YRS; ORNG COMM MDL JULY 1991.

March 31, 1969 William married Shirley Walden. To this union they added four children, Tony Tanya, Ronald and Renee. Twelve grandchildren De'Andre, Ronald Jr. Cherille, Deshaun, Montrell, Joshuaun, Micah, Tajanae, Tajahana, Tajaliyah, Ta'Ron, Ta'Shaun and 12 great grandchildren. A host of cousins, nieces, nephews and good friends.

William was loved by so many, and dubbed the "Neighborhood Dad". I'm sure a lot of us have fond memories and stories. If he ever had a "talk" with you he was dropping knowledge or encouragement. He was so rich with love and family that he will definitely be missed and never forgotten. He left too much behind...