



We all have different memories of how we met LTC B and different reasons why we will miss him, but we all agree that we will miss him, we do miss him.

We know that he fought hard to stay, but God has other plans for him. We called him our Italian Stallion....a little Italian man with a lot of heart.

So angels in heaven beware, our Italian Stallion will be there making sure that each of you feel as special as he made us feel.

LTC Richard Berrettini, we will shed our tears for you and ring out in laughter because of you. You are missed, you are loved, and you will never be forgotten.

-Camp Clark Warriors

LTC RICHARD J. BERRETTINI

DECEMBER 12, 1955 – JANUARY 11, 2008



**FALLEN COMRADE MEMORIAL CEREMONY
COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE PHOENIX VI
CAMP PHOENIX, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
JANUARY 15, 2008**

LTC B taught in a way that helped us understand the pros and cons of our decisions. He instilled confidence in each of us by his very presence, while helping us strengthen our courage within.

With his natural leadership methods and ability to be so personal in command, his lessons will allow us to maintain that courage even under the direst of times.

-Radwich, Johnson and Van Aken



We first met LTC B at Camp Shelby during training. We saluted him and he cursed us out. We knew then that he was no ordinary man.

As fate would have it, we were linked back together when LTC B requested female medics for a clinic that he so desperately wanted.

We were so happy to be in his presence once again...the presence of a man so wonderful, strong, and so full of life. He took us in, not just as his soldiers, but as his family.

-Alford, Atkinson and Brown

LTC RICHARD J. BERRETTINI

Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Berrettini was born on December 12th 1955. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on July 16, 1973 as an internal communications specialist. He later transferred to the United States Army Reserve on May 21, 1981 as a 66E. In 1996 he became a 66H as a Clinical Nurse and in 2001 became Head Nurse.

His civilian education includes an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Luzerne City Community College, a Bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's College, and a Masters Degree from the University of New York.

LTC Berrettini was a great caregiver. Being a Family Nurse Practitioner, he provided great care to the troops at Camp Clark and to the local nationals, especially the children. He was a fun-loving man, quick-witted and humorous. As a great supervisor, he would give you the space and freedom to learn, but was always right there when you needed him.

LTC Berrettini greatly enjoyed riding his Yamaha motorcycle and wouldn't ride anything else. He cherished his wife and sons, speaking of them proudly and often.

In February 2007, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as part of the Logistical Task Force Head Medical Surgeon. After a couple weeks at Camp Phoenix, he transferred to Camp Clark.

On January 2, 2008 during Operation MATUN, LTC Berrettini's vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) while conducting combat operations in Khowst Province, Afghanistan. LTC Berrettini was severely wounded in the blast, and was medically evacuated to the United States. On January 11th, LTC Berrettini passed away from complications of his wounds.

LTC Berrettini lived in Eldred, PA, and is survived by his wife, Jane, and the sons he always talked about, Vincent and Christopher.

Awards:

Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd), Afghan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd), NATO Medal, Combat Medic Badge, Combat Action Badge, and the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal