



## Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez

September 8, 2021

Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez age 63, a resident of Deatsville, AL passed away on September 8, 2021 at a local hospital. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Den Irwin officiating. The interment will be private at Alabama National Cemetery. Mr. Benavidez retired from the United States Airforce and worked as a computer programmer with Civil Service. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. He is survived by his parents Ernesto Benavidez & Benancia Hinajosa Benavidez, his wife Ronda R. Benavidez, daughters Jessica Neighbors (Josh), Monica Scroggins (Chris), brother Ernesto Benavidez, Jr., grandchildren Hadyn Neighbors, Gabriel Neighbors, Payton Scroggins, Kylie Scroggins & a host of nieces & nephews.

## Cemetery Details

### Alabama National Cemetery

Montevallo, AL

## Previous Events

### Service

SEP 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Guadalupe Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez*

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez*

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *In high school we went to Pizza Hut to eat and I didn't really eat so the next day at school he brought the pizza to school for me to eat. I laughed at him and felt better as I was going through a tough time. I will never forget him or how he was there for me when I needed a friend.*

**Brenda Nail** - September 28, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Ronald Drummond II lit a candle in memory of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez*



**Ronald Drummond II** - September 15, 2021 at 07:41 PM

KL

“ For over four years, I had the honor and privilege of serving our great nation alongside Tel. He was the driving force behind so many successful achievements – simply too many to name. Tel confronted every challenge – and there were many – with calm determination and iron resolve. Besides being a consummate professional, Tel was a steady beacon of light on whom his teammates could always count to get them safely to the other side. He was kind-hearted, genuine, and a friend to all. Tel always led by example and inspired those who worked around him to do their very best. He earned respect not by demanding it, but by earning it. I will especially miss the frequent near end of day phone calls from Tel that would turn into hour-long chats (sorry Ronda). We always had something to talk about, whether a new idea to chase or a challenge to overcome. But on most days, the conversation would turn to his family. He was so proud of his grandchildren – I know much more about equestrian competition now! He cherished his family dearly. Tel left an enduring legacy, both in his dedicated service to country and in his deep devotion to family. Tel will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. He touched so many people with his gentle way, now the Lord has other plans for him. Thanks, my friend and patriot, I’m glad our paths crossed...until they cross again.

Kevin Lee

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Kevin Lee - September 14, 2021 at 10:37 PM

KL

“ For over four years, I had the honor and privilege of serving our great nation alongside Tel. He was the driving force behind so many significant accomplishments and improvements – there is simply no way to mention them all. Tel confronted every challenge – and there were many – with calm determination and resolve. But what will always stick with me is the kind of person he was. Besides being a consummate professional, Tel was a steady beacon of light on whom his colleagues could always count to get them safely to the other side. He was kind-hearted, genuine, and a friend to all. Tel always led by example and inspired those who worked around him to do their very best. He earned the respect not by demanding it, but by earning it. I will especially miss the frequent near end of day calls from Tel that would turn into hour-long chats (sorry Ronda). We always had something to talk about, whether a new idea to chase or just some philosophical musing that got our attention. But on most days, the conversation would turn to his family. He was so proud of his grandchildren – I know much more about equestrian competition now! He loved his family dearly. Tel left an enduring legacy, both in his dedicated service to country and in his deep devotion to family. Tel will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. Thanks, my friend, I’m so glad our paths crossed...until they cross again.  
Kevin Lee

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Kevin Lee - September 14, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.



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September 14, 2021 at 03:23 PM

JW

“ *My condolences to the Benavidez family. Tel was a pleasure to work with and his absence from the organization will be noticed as he made a difference.*

*Most sincerely,  
Jeff Watson*

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**Jeff Watson** - September 14, 2021 at 02:32 PM

RC

“ *Tel was an incredible boss and mentor to me, and I am so saddened to hear this. His generosity, humor, and love for people was second to none and I cannot express how much my heart hurts for his family. We will be praying for Ronda and his entire family through this. God bless you.*

*- Rev TJ Conwell*



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**Rev TJ Conwell** - September 14, 2021 at 12:10 PM

SL

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. Praying for you and your family during this difficult time. I worked at BES with MSgt/Mr. Benavidez.*



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**Sabrina Law** - September 14, 2021 at 11:52 AM

KH

“ *Sending my prayers and condolences to Mrs. Benavidez, their daughters and their beautiful granddaughters that he loved so much! Tel had such a kind spirit!*

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**KaJuana "KJ" Hill** - September 14, 2021 at 11:07 AM

SD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Benavidez family. Tel personified the ideal Christian demeanor--always calm, gentle, and grace filled. He was also the best undesignated program manager I had the pleasure of working with in 30 years of Air Force service. I'm better for having known him.*

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**Stephen Davis** - September 14, 2021 at 10:59 AM

DO

“ I am so sincerely and heartfelt sorry for the passing of my dear friend and former co-worker Tel. For his friends and family, as you are well aware of, the stages of grief are not as distinct as we would want them to be, they come and go and not as smooth as our hearts and souls would like. When they are taken from us so early in life, the loss and grief is even more.

When love is lost, it is a huge hole in our hearts and life. Whether it is a son, husband, father, brother, uncle, leader, co-worker or friend. Tel was all this to many people. Look to God for understanding and look to each other for comfort.

The heart felt words and output of love by Tel's family, friends, co-workers, Air Force leaders is testimony to the kind and wonderful leader/man, Tell was. He will be missed by many, but none more than his family.

Tears will remind us of the loss, memories will remind us of the journey. Rest in peace my dear friend, you will be missed.

*Dolores Osborne-Hensley and Family*

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**Dolores Osborne-Hensley** - September 14, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Mr. Tel’s family and friends. To Mrs. Ronda, The Neighbor and Scroggins families, we are here for you now and forever. We love you dearly and hope you are feeling our prayers!*

*Mr. Tel may be gone from our sights but never from our hearts. I literally have lifetime of memories with Mr. Tel to cherish... cookouts, camping, Football games, birthdays and haunted houses. I will greatly miss running into Mr. Tel randomly at stores and restaurants and just chatting!*

*Roll Tide Roll, Mr. Tel. Enjoy paradise... we will see you again!*

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**Jacque Miller** - September 14, 2021 at 12:21 AM



“ *Jimenez/Hinojosa families Corpus Christi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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**Jimenez/Hinojosa families Corpus Christi** - September 13, 2021 at 11:54 PM

JM

“ For 35 years Tel was my friend, but more than that. He was my colleague, but more than that. He was my confidant, but more than that. Tel was just more of everything. One of the things I most admired about him was his ability to keep calm while those around him were losing their minds! (Like me). He could always make me laugh in almost any situation. And this week I discovered he could make me cry. My sadness is purely selfish; he is in paradise and I'm here. So, for an unknown period of time I must do without my friend, my colleague and my confidant. But God has a plan! And God's plans are good! So, while I don't understand why this had to happen now, I will trust in God's plan for Tel and all of us. God bless you buddy! Until we meet again...

*Jim Maupin*

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**James Maupin** - September 13, 2021 at 06:53 PM

CM

“ When I think of Tel, I think good son, good husband, good father, good friend. My memories swirl around to dinners out, birthday parties and just times chatting. There is not just one memory to share, my friendship with him and his family goes back more than 35 years. Just his soft spoken voice and wise advice is my favorite memory.

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**Cyndi Maupin** - September 13, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.



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September 13, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 13, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 13, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *My cousin was just the best. Though he no longer lived in Texas, I thought of him often. I found it a treat when he'd come down and I'd get to see him. My summers spent with him and his brother Ernest, were fun filled. I will miss him dearly. His Corpus family is saddened by this news. We will always love you cousin.*



*Our dearest condolences to Rhonda, Jessica, Monica and all the family*

*Your Corpus family:  
Bonnie & Mingo Hinojosa Jimenez  
Robert & Diama Hinojosa  
Olga Hinojosa*

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**Yvonne (Bonnie)** - September 12, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 12, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Tel was such a wonderful mentor and friend. I am so blessed to have worked with him. He always had a smile. The world is a little darker without him. My condolences to his wife, and family.*  
*Brandy and Jason Silvers*

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**Brandy Silvers** - September 12, 2021 at 01:34 AM



“ *Tel was always there for you when you needed him. He was one of the kindest souls I have ever met. I will miss him immensely.*



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**PJ Namias** - September 12, 2021 at 12:17 AM



“ *PJ Namias purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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**PJ Namias** - September 12, 2021 at 12:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 11, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Tel was the one person who could make my husband laugh even when there wasn't much to laugh about. He was a kind and gentle soul and we will miss him dearly. Our condolences to his wife and family.*

*Keith & Mary Engholm*

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**Keith and Mary Engholm** - September 11, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 11, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 10, 2021 at 11:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 10, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *Bill Gunter lit a candle in memory of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez*



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**Bill Gunter** - September 10, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ *Tel was one of the most friendliest person one would ever meet. Always there with a smile, handshake or to share a laugh or two. He will be surely missed by many and my heartfelt condolences go to his family during this time of loss. Prayers are with them all.*

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**Bill & Shanwa Gunter** - September 10, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ *My husband lost a dear friend and he will mourn his passing for a long time to come. Prayers to his wife and family that loved him as much.*

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**Keith and Mary Engholm** - September 10, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 10, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ret. MSGT Teofilo Benavidez.*



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September 10, 2021 at 10:16 PM