

# MASTER SERGEANT (RETIRED) JOSEPH EDMUND CYR D-4207



## **Sir Joseph of Cyr**

Frank Wisniewski called and told me that Sir Joseph was in trouble, he thought his was on his last breath. Both of us rushed to Joe's house but there was nothing we could do to save our Brother. It was truly a sad day for us and the many friends that Joe has. He is another Professional who will not be forgotten.

Da Rock Sends.....

Master Sergeant (Retired) Joseph Edmund Cyr, 54, served a long fulfilling and professional career in 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Most of his friends knew him as "Sir Joseph of Cyr". He was a "True Quiet Professional" and a member of "The Brotherhood".

Sir Joseph of Cyr died Thursday, November 13, 2003, at his residence from a long hard fight with cancer. In attendance was his loving wife, Faith Cyr; Frank Wisniewski, President of Chapter 38; and Steve Stone, Secretary of Chapter 38, SFA.

He was born April 9, 1949, in Waltham, Massachusetts, son of Arthur R. and Marian E. Triner Cyr. He was preceded in death by a son, Jonathon Matthew Cyr.

During his military service, Joe served on many missions in various foreign countries, including Operation Desert Shield/Storm, the Middle East, Europe, and Africa.

Joe's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Saudi Kuwait Liberation Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab, Scuba Divers Badge, and Halo Parachutist. He was a Life Member of Chapter 38, Special Forces Association located at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and VFW Post Number 11160 located in Clarksville, Tennessee. He was Catholic.

The funeral service was held at McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home in Clarksville, Tennessee with Bob Denman and Chaplain Major Marc Gauthier of 5th Group officiating. Burial was at Blooming Grove Baptist Cemetery in Woodlawn, Tennessee with full military honors. ODA 565, Joe's old team, provided the burial detail, members of 2-5th SFG(A) provided the firing party, Merritt Powell played the bagpipes, and Mike Gaglione played Taps.

Many members of The Brotherhood and family traveled from far and wide to attend the services. After the burial, the traditional Brotherhood toast was conducted at the burial site followed by a flag raising ceremony at the Cyr Ranch.

Survivors include his wife, Faith Brooks Cyr; two sons, Joseph E. Cyr II, Atlanta, and Michael S. Cyr, Kings Bay, Georgia.; two brothers, Arthur Cyr, Temple, Texas, and Steve Cyr, Washington, D.C.; a sister, Judy Cyr, Kyle, Texas, and two grandchildren.