

# Staff Sergeant Raphael W. Barrett

## In Grateful Memory Of

**Staff Sergeant Raphael W. Barrett**  
**24 November 1964 - 29 December 2000**

Staff Sergeant Raphael W. Barrett was born in Miami, Florida on 24 November 1964. Following graduation from Palmnetto High School in 1982, he entered active duty on 6 December 1983 as a NIKE Missile Repairman. He married Helen Elizabeth White in December of 1984 and to their union three beautiful daughters were born.

Following completion of Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and Advanced Individual Training at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, his first assignment was at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Staff Sergeant Barrett's second assignment was as a Missile Repairman with the 3/52 ADA (SVC Battery) in Wildflecken, in the Federal Republic of Germany. Upon his discharge from the Army, Staff Sergeant Barrett worked for the Miami-Dade County International Airport.

Upon reentering the Army, Staff Sergeant Barrett joined the 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in 1990 where he was assigned to Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. Staff Sergeant Barrett performed the duties of supply clerk and supply sergeant. In 1995 Staff Sergeant Barrett served a year tour of duty with the U.S. Army Special Forces Detachment in Korea; he returned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion in 1996. Staff Sergeant Barrett most recently served as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Support Operations. He participated in numerous deployments throughout the continental United States and overseas. As a Night Stalker for over ten years, Staff Sergeant Barrett's expertise and dedication to service was vital to this unit's mission success and combat readiness. He gallantly served his country during Desert Storm, Early Victor 2000, Bright Star 99 and on over 50 other Joint Special Operations exercises in support of the National Command Authority directed mission. Staff Sergeant Barrett also provided exceptional logistical support to various other United States Special Operations Command forces.

During his career, Staff Sergeant Barrett completed numerous military schools to include the Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Stewart, Georgia; the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course at Fort Lee, Virginia; the Battle Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Course at Fort Bliss, Texas and a host of local schools.

Staff Sergeant Barrett's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, three Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars, Southwest Asia Kuwait Independence Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with 2<sup>nd</sup> device, and the Overseas Service Ribbon second award. Additionally, Staff Sergeant Barrett was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal posthumously. Staff Sergeant Barrett has also been awarded the Driver's Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge and the Australian Parachutist Badge.

Staff Sergeant Barrett is survived by his wife, Helen; his daughters, Jasmine, Justina and Jordan; his parents, Wilbert & Janice Barrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Craig and Phyllis Barrett; and a sister Joycelyn Barrett; mother and father-in-law, John and Mary White of Miami; his maternal grandmother, Alice Mims of Brooklyn, New York; his paternal grandmother, Nettie Barrett of Miami; and aunts, uncles and other relatives.

