



## David Lawrence Riggs

September 27, 1937 - March 5, 2023

David Lawrence Riggs, 85, passed away following a brief illness on March 5, 2023, at the Bailey Center in St Augustine, FL. David was born on September 27, 1937, to Horace and Flora Parsons Riggs in Huntington, WV. After his graduation from Huntington High School in 1955, he enlisted in the Air Force, serving for three years at Ramstein Air Force Base in Kaiserslautern, (West) Germany as an air policeman.

Upon his discharge in 1959, he attended college in California and West Virginia; joining the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC, in June 1965. He served with distinction in the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), Homicide and Internal Affairs divisions. He was promoted to Sergeant in October of 1968. During this time, he was often called upon to assist the Secret Service in dignitary protection. In this capacity, he served numerous Presidents, notably Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. He received many meritorious service awards during his time with MPD and, at the end of his service, his badge number was retired, an honor rarely bestowed.

In June 1970, he accepted a position as a criminal investigator for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the U.S. Treasury Department. Then, in 1982, he joined the newly formed Office of Criminal Investigations of the Environmental Protection Agency in Atlanta, GA as Special Agent in Charge of the Southeast and Southwest Regions. Throughout his storied career, David was recognized for exemplary service and for his many contributions to

law enforcement and public safety. He retired in January 1988.

In 1999, he established a forensic software/hardware technology business in St. Augustine, FL. In this capacity, he trained computer forensic examiners throughout the United States and supplied custom computers to the U.S. government.

Following his full retirement in 2010, he traveled extensively and continued his lifelong quest for athletic and educational excellence. He was a private pilot, a scratch golfer for most of his life and an avid sports fisherman. He loved to bicycle, walk on the beach, hike and scale mountains, especially in his beloved Jackson Hole. He studied German and Spanish, history, mathematics, art and science throughout his retirement years.

He is survived by his devoted sister Deborah Riggs Brannon of St Augustine FL, his loving niece Molly Colleen Brannon of New York City, NY and his faithful companion and rescue pup, Rosie.

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