



## CSM Verne James Washington Sr.

May 8, 1966 - May 23, 2024

Verne J. Washington, Sr. was born to Leroy Washington and Sandy M. Alston on May 8, 1966 in New York City, New York.

After graduating from Julia Richman High School in 1984, he joined the Army to begin his military career. He attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and completed his Advanced Individual Training as a Multi-Channel Communications Equipment Operator (31M) at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He then got on a bus and made the trip to Fort Benning Georgia to become an Airborne Soldier. CSM Washington has earned Masters Degrees in Human Resource Development and Management from Webster University. He was studying for his last LSAT. CSM Washington planned to pursue a Juris Doctorate Degree and practice Criminal Law.

CSM Washington was united in holy matrimony on February 8, 1999 to Tia Williams of Augusta, Georgia. To this union 1 child was born Verne J. Washington, Jr. affectionately called "VJ".

CSM Washington's assignments included: Section Sergeant, 82nd Finance Company, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Team Chief, Multinational Force and Observer, Egypt; Team Chief and Section Sergeant, 25th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Platoon Sergeant, HHC 35th Signal Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Section Sergeant, 50th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg,

North Carolina; Section Sergeant 17th Signal Battalion, Gibbs Kaserne; Frankfurt Germany; Instructor/Writer, 369th Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Platoon Sergeant, 154th Signal Battalion, Fort Clayton, Panama; Battalion S3 Operations Sergeant, 82nd Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Platoon Sergeant, 385th Signal Company, Camp Doha, Kuwait; Communications Chief, 5th Army Headquarters, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; First Sergeant, HHD and 580th Signal Company, Riyadh Saudi Arabia; First Sergeant, 307th Signal Battalion, Camp Carrol, Korea; First Sergeant, United States Army NATO, Belgium; Operations Officer United States Army NATO, Belgium; Brigade S3 Sergeant Major, Area Support Group, Qatar; Operations Sergeant Major, 307th Signal, Hawaii, Command Sergeant Major 30th Signal Battalion, Hawaii, Command Sergeant Major 2-1 Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Fort Riley; Command Sergeant Major 43D Signal Battalion, Heidelberg, Germany.

CSM Washington cumulated his career as the J635 Contingency Operations Sergeant Major at the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) Headquarters, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida.

CSM Washington had been deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Panama, Kuwait, Turkey, Qatar, Ecuador, Peru, Columbia, and Saudi Arabia. During the September 11 attacks on our nation in 2001, CSM Washington was assigned to a Weapon of Mass Destruction Task Force.

While serving as the G6 Telecommunications Chief on the day of the attacks, MSG Washington and his team stood ready to deploy their assets by plane or specialized Communications Vehicle to any site within his 21 state region.

CSM Washington's awards and decorations include the Bronz Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters, Join Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation

Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal tenth award, Noncommissioned Officer Development Ribbon with numeral four, Humanitarian Service Medal, United Nations Meda, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, 2 National Defense Service Ribbons, The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary, The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, The Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral six, Multi-national Force and Observer Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon. CSM Washington also earned the Canadian, British, Honduran, Thai, and Egyptian Parachutist Badges.

CSM Washington was a member of the prestigious SGT Morales Club and an honorary member of the SGT Audie Murphy Club. CSM Washington was the recipient of the Signal Corps Bronze Order of Mercury, Silver Order of Mercury, and the Armor Corps Order of Saint Barbara. CSM Washington proudly served his country for 31 years and retired in 2015 with full military honors.

CSM Washington was a proud Triple Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. He was initiated through Phi Xi Chapter at Fort Riley, Kansas on 4/11/2012. While a member of Chi Tau Chapter in Orlando Florida, he held the following positions, Keeper of Records and Seal, Keeper of Finance, and Vice Basileus.

After retirement, CSM Washington worked with Orange County Public Schools teaching and counseling students. He was a die hard fan of all the New York sport teams; the New York Giants (NFL), the New York Knicks (NBA), and the New York Yankees (MLB).

CSM Washington loved and enjoyed spending time with his family. He leaves behind to cherish his memories a devoted and loving wife of 25 years Tia

Washington; son, Verne Washington, Jr.; daughters, Veronica and Yvonne Washington; sister, Monica Freeman, mother-in-law, Carolyn Williams; and a host of other relatives and many sorrowing friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington , VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church  
535 W Washington St  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407) 423-0023

## Service

JUN 1. 3:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church  
535 W. Washington Street  
Orlando, FL 280

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ With Sympathy as you grieve a loss, with joy as you celebrate a homegoing. He brought us joy, made us laugh, and shown us love have given us the lasting gifts of a beautiful life and blessed our memories forever. He touched many hearts and lives, and although it's hard to image the world without him. It's easy to image heaven rejoicing because he's there. Thanking God for his life and thinking of you during this difficult time.



Jesus Christ has loved us and given us everlasting comfort and hope. II Thessalonians 2:16.

With much Love,  
Carolyn Williams

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**Carolyn Williams** - June 24, 2024 at 10:12 PM

MF

“ Much love-Motcheck Family purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..



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**Much love-Motcheck Family** - June 01, 2024 at 03:54 PM

KM

“ Kristin M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..

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**Kristin M.** - June 01, 2024 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ Dr. Cecilia Rusnak and AcuMedGroup Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..

Dr. Cecilia Rusnak and AcuMedGroup Staff - June 01, 2024 at 11:50 AM

DS

“ Dr. Cecilia Rusnak and AcuMedGroup Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..



Dr. Cecilia Rusnak and AcuMedGroup Staff - June 01, 2024 at 11:50 AM

QQ

“ Quinzel II, April, Noelle, Sarah, & QIII purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..



Quinzel II, April, Noelle, Sarah, & QIII - May 31, 2024 at 09:31 PM

MS

“ MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of CSM Verne James Washington Sr.



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - May 31, 2024 at 08:41 PM

CJ

“ CW3 Le Marquis Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..

CW3 Le Marquis Jackson - May 31, 2024 at 07:54 PM

CJ

“ CW3 Le Marquis Jackson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..



CW3 Le Marquis Jackson - May 31, 2024 at 07:54 PM

WC

“ Family of CSM Washington, I send prayers for strength and peace as you go thru this time of sorry! Bless you! He was definately a lively CSM for the 30th Signal BN when I was the S4. I will forever remember his broad proud statue, smile and the laughter that he had and his love for life and family as an Army Soldier! Sir you will be missed and I salute you and your family for your service to this country. Rest well and be at peace in Jesus name. 🙏🙏🙏 Wanda P Chambliss (S4 30th Signal BN, Retired)

Wanda P Chambliss - May 31, 2024 at 10:14 AM

CM

“ Carrasco, Mary purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..



Carrasco, Mary - May 31, 2024 at 07:43 AM

BV

“ *Bernadette Velazquez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..*



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**Bernadette Velazquez** - May 30, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JR

“ *Judith R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of CSM Verne James Washington Sr..*

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**Judith R.** - May 30, 2024 at 05:33 PM

MD

“ *CSM Washington, I have just struggled all week to believe. How you loved your family! Praying that God will give them the strength that they need during this time of sorrow to heal. Sure that the many memories will one day bring a smile to their face. I pray your soul is resting. Till Valhalla!*



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**MSG Dawn Dockery** - May 30, 2024 at 02:53 PM