



Mr. Glen E. Morrell

May 26, 1936 - October 26, 2023

Glen Edward Morrell was born to Charles and Bessie Morrell in Wick, West Virginia in 1936, and died at home on 26 October 2023 surrounded by friends and family at his home in Cocoa, FL.

He joined the Army in 1953 and held every noncommissioned officer position culminating as being selected as the 7th Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) in 1983 from which he retired in July 1987.

At the age of 41, SMA Morrell attended the US Army Ranger School and was the Distinguished Honor Graduate of his class. He then volunteered to be the Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Ranger Battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga.

After assignment as the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) of the 1st Ranger Battalion, SMA Morrell went on to be the CSM of 10th Special Forces Group (Europe), CSM of US Army Recruiting Command, CSM of Forces Command, before being selected as the 7th Sergeant Major of the Army.

There was (and maybe still is) a photo of him in the Pentagontaken during Ranger School, with a twenty-something year old on his shoulder who just couldn't make it any further. Despite being twice his age, Sergeant Major Morrell would leave no soldier behind.

The US Army Recruiting Command established the Glen E. Morrell Award for Recruiting Excellence in his honor. This medallion is the ultimate award under the Recruiting Incentive Awards Program.

SMA Morrell was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 1993. His love of Rangers and dedication to mentor and promote the Warriors of the 75th Ranger Regiment never diminished. His service to this Nation is legendary and he will forever be remembered and treasured.

His many duty assignments include three combat tours with the Special Forces in Vietnam, two tours with the Special Forces in Panama, two tours in Germany, many military assignments in the United States to include the 82d Airborne Division, and the 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, and Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor with Saint John's University, Minnesota.

His many awards include: Combat Infantryman Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Silver Recruiter Badge, Expert Marksman Badge, Vietnam Parachutist Badge, Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Presidential Unit Citation with three oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal (ten awards), Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three campaign stars, Presidential Unit Citation with three oak leaf clusters, NCO Professional Education Ribbon with bronze award numeral 5, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with award numeral 1, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and ten service stripes.

After retirement, Glen moved to Cocoa Florida where he enjoyed fishing, volunteering at Christ Central Church of which he was a member, and hosting friends and family. His cookouts were epic! SMA Morrell was preceded in death by his parents, his six siblings, his grandson Jay Morrell, and his granddaughter Lauren Morrell. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Karen Morrell, his son Glen Edward Morrell II, and his daughters Dawn Morrell and Angela Morrell.

Rangers Lead The Way!

Funeral services will be held 7 November 2023 at Christ Central Church, 2010 N Cocoa Blvd, Cocoa, FL. Family will receive visitors at 11:00, Service at 11:30 followed by burial at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery at 2:30PM, 5525 US 1, Mims, FL 32754.

Donations may be made to Christ Central Church, 2010 N Cocoa Blvd, Cocoa, FL 32922 or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1
Mims, FL 32754
(321) 383-2638

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Christ Central Church
2100 North Cocoa Blvd.
Cocoa, FL

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *SMA Morrell is the example all Soldiers should follow. My prayers and heartfelt sympathies go out to his family. Thank you for sharing him with us. His service in the Army was legendary!* ”

SFC (RET) Michael Rafferty - May 09, 2024 at 06:27 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.* ”



November 06, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.* ”



November 06, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.* ”



November 05, 2023 at 10:50 PM

HC

“ Glen was a personal and professional friend for many years, We served together in the 8th Group and with the 10th in Bad Tolz. Glen was an outstanding soldier and leader who always looked out for the troops. I will miss him and our conversations. SGM (R)
Harold T. Carpenter

Harold T. Carpenter - November 04, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.

November 02, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.



November 02, 2023 at 05:15 PM

CS

“ So sorry for the families loss. SMA Morrell was my first SMA when I joined in 1983 and had the great honor to be his escort numerous times during USAREC events. He is a great man and will be sorely missed among the ranks.
CSM (R) Donald A. Schmidt

CSM (R) Donald Schmidt - November 01, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.*



October 31, 2023 at 10:37 PM



“ *Sergeant Major Morrell was my CSM at Special Forces Europe which I was my first assignment in Special Forces after my time in 2nd Ranger Battalion and he just left 1st Ranger Battalion to his assignment in Europe.*

The Sergeant Major was of the old school, very supportive and had the backs of his people, he would accomplish what he set out to do for you.

He has twice help me untie a few of my mess up orders in record time.

I watch his rise from one major command position to another afterwards and it didn't surprise me that he was selected as Sergeant Major of the Army.

May God bless you and yours with the spirit of peace, and I shall see you at the "Rally Point", Sergeant Major.

SGM(R) Rodolfo "Rudy" Teodosio - October 31, 2023 at 10:24 PM

GC

“ SMA/CSM Glenn Morrell was the best Soldier I’ve had the opportunity to serve under. The best way for me to describe him was to use CSM Jan Shalavins saying in his Hungarian accent, “ Glenn, you are my Hero” I could never say it any better than that. When taking the position of CSM of the 1st Ranger Bn and attending Ranger school at the young age of 40 he was the Distinguished Honor Graduate . SMA always Lead from the front as witnessed by his service record in war and peace time. SMA, you are truly my hero and will be missed and remembered by multitudes of Rangers. Ms Karen, you know I love you and words cannot express how I feel for you loss. Always remember that absent from the body means Present with our Lord and Savior. We will all gather around that campfire in the sky one day. I love you in Christ.
Gary R Carpenter

Gary R Carpenter - October 30, 2023 at 11:55 PM

SB

“ In 1989 I was the CSM of the 53rd Aviation BN 25th Inf Div Hawaii. I was the Chapter Chairman for the Non-Commissioned Officer ASSN. SMA Morrell was the national spokesman for the NCOA. He came to Hawaii, and we met at the NCO Club with some other CSM's and the Division CSM Jan Schalavin. When SMA Morrell thanked me for the great remarks I made introducing him at the Sergeant Major Academy during our class 32. He said with a smile is there any way I can help you. I said would you have time in your busy schedule to speak to my BN NCO's. He said I always have time for soldiers and NCO's. I threw him a luncheon at Wheeler AFB NCO club. Gave the same introduction I did at the SMA. About how he stepped down as a Division CSM to go thru Ranger school and became our 1st Ranger BN CSM. H gave a great talk to my BN NCO's. At the end of his talk, I knew he loved Golf. I said SMA you have been given every Plack or coin there is. I want to give you something you will be able to use every time you come back to Hawaii. I handed him a shoe box and he opened it and pulled out a Hawaiiin golf Shoe!! and he could not stop laughing. Flip flops with golf spikes thru them. He loved it, hugged me and said we will use these, three days later a bunch of us SGM/CSM's golfed with him, and he wore them. He was the greatest NCO of our era, and he always said, a sense of humor was the best part of surviving a Army career and damn did he have one. RIP, DOL/RLTW

SGM(ret) Donald Bruce - October 30, 2023 at 09:41 PM

DP

“ Glenn was one of my Seargent Majors in 1st Ranger BN. With out a doubt he is one of the finest I ever served under.

Glenn lead the way. He never wavered and you always knew he was there for you and every enlisted man in the BN. He always told us "Rangers you can't pee up a rope". As always he was right. He lead from the front and displayed the leadership required to train men for war. Because of his leadership an mentoring is one of the big reasons I was able to better lead and train my men. Thank you Jesus for putting CSM of the Army Glenn Morrell in my life. AMEN. RLTW! God bless you all, and may the grace of God shine down upon you. It is just a temporary separation. We will be with him again.

Sincerely, Don Purdy

Don Purdy - October 30, 2023 at 10:41 AM

PT

SMA was the first CSM I served under as a Private E-1. I would say to myself I want to be like him when I get older. In my eyes he set the perfect example as a CSM. I never forgot him and stayed on point to be like him. I was never as good as him by far. It was his example that gave me the intestinal fortitude to continue until I made CSM. I will remember him for the rest on my life. He was the perfect Ranger. Rest in Peace.

Philip Taxiera - November 01, 2023 at 09:31 PM



My wife and I had the privilege to share dinner with CSM Morrell (and his Wife) at a Battalion Awards Ceremony where he was the guest speaker and awarded the new Morrell Award Recipients from my unit. Being a Morrell Award Recipient he had many questions about what recruiting had evolved to . Being from West Virginia we also talked about the special life there and dedication to service by the people who live here. He made every soldier at that function feel proud that they were serving, it was an experience we will never forget, his passing is a real loss to all who knew him as well as all the lives he touched.

Lesnbarb Roth - January 26, 2025 at 12:38 AM

SD

“ Sharon and Bob Davie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.



Sharon and Bob Davie - October 30, 2023 at 10:09 AM

SD

“ Sharon and Bob Davie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.

Sharon and Bob Davie - October 30, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.



October 30, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Glen E. Morrell.



October 30, 2023 at 08:26 AM

DF

“ *The last time I saw Glen, I was bringing material form the 513th MI group in Ft Monmouth, NJ Downen to the Pentagon in early "83. He remembered me from a unit in Vietnam and we had a great dinner together. Ranger Lead the Way, and He will continue to do so from above.*

Dennis P Fitzgerald - October 29, 2023 at 04:19 PM