

Barry B Brannan

March 27, 2026

I met Bill in the Fresno ANG in 1959. I had just been released from Air Force active duty and was attending Fresno State. Bill was very funny. He would often say "Poor simple Will needs a PB&J whieolved to PSW needs a PB&J. He called me from Lake Tahoe in the early 2000s. I was living in Reno at the time and met him for lunch. We had a nice conversation about old times and the guys we knew in the Air Guard. I lost track of him and didn't realize he was in the rest home until I saw the obit. RIP

Joe Corey

April 7, 2017

An Officer and a Gentleman best summarizes my memories of Bill. A respected leader, devoted to his personnel and the mission. His friendly demeanor was such a pleasure. Our aircraft exceeded the highest Air Force safety standards due to his quality control programs. Thank you Bill for your friendship and your professionalism. Col. Joe Corey

Barry Brannan

April 2, 2017

I met Bill in 1959 in the Fresno Air Guard. He was always a fun guy. He called me several years ago and we met at Lake Tahoe for lunch. I lost track of him after that and feel badly that he passed away without being able to say goodbye. God Speed Bill

Michael Adams

April 2, 2017

My condolences to Bill's family. I have known Bill since 1958 when I joined the 194th. We flew together on numerous occasions with many happy memories of those days.

Paul Ketchum

April 2, 2017

I'm saddened to learn of Col. Gleason's passing. While we were both members of the ANG at Fresno, he gave me a tour of Yosemite in a T-33 that is etched in my memory. He was indeed an epitome of a fighter pilot. May he rest in peace and may his family find solace in knowing that he served his country and his troops well.