

# “Disney Sorely Missed”



SMSgt. Kenneth Wayne Disney, age 50, was killed instantly in an automobile accident April 27 on Air Base Road.

As the services superintendent at McGhee Tyson AB for more than 20 years, he will definitely be missed. His excellent

managerial skills and commitment to providing outstanding food services here at home and across the nation has earned a reputation for the 134th that is unmatched in the Air National Guard.

According to Col. Fred Forster, 134th Air Refueling Group commander, Sergeant Disney was highly regarded by fellow Guardsmen.

“Ken Disney was one of those rare individuals who met each day with a smile. And, he looked on each problem as a challenge to excel. His friendship, leadership, and professionalism will be deeply missed by everybody at McGhee Tyson and indeed in the Air National Guard,”

Colonel Forster said.

The senior master sergeant had an illustrious career in the Air National Guard. He enlisted in the Guard in 1959 and was called to active duty in 1961 in support of the Berlin Crisis. Disney was hired as a full time Guardsman in 1967 and assigned to food services.

He has been lauded with several military decorations and awards during his military career which include: Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

Other awards include: Recruiting and Retention Ribbon, Distinguished Unit Award, Volunteer Ribbon, National Emergency Ribbon, Tennessee Commendation Ribbon, and Tennessee Services Ribbon.

Sergeant Disney is survived by his wife, Betty; three children, Kimberly, Jeff, and Brian; mother, Edna Disney; and grandson, Taylor.

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