



84th Railsplitters Association, LTD

Update on MSG Jerry Brettschneider

A tribute to Jerry from COL Peter “Skip” Pochowski:

Dear Fellow Splitters of Rail,

Since there will be no celebration of life service for Jerry Brettschneider, I would like to take a moment of your time to do some celebrating of his life.

Jerry was never blessed with the command presence, physical presence, or crisp personal appearance so many of our senior NCOs had. He was actually a kind of frumpy guy. But, he knew his stuff. Whenever I needed something from him he was great to work with. I think most Railsplitters didn't know much about him until after his retirement when he took over as president of the AUSA. He made sure we were represented all the time and he started the tradition of bringing the cake to our Annual Meeting. Jerry was a real good guy. I'm not sure how he and his girlfriend got together but that would be a great story to hear, if anyone knows. Life was not good to him his past few years with health issues constantly, but he always had a smile on his face. And he loved the 84th, and that makes him OK in my book.

Rest in peace, Jerry. You did your job well, and we will remember what you did for us, and for our soldiers.

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3 July 2021: (from Goldie Schuh)

MSG Brettschneider passed away this afternoon.

Per his friend he had been hospitalized with Ascension and was in septic shock as the result of a severe urinary tract infection, infected bedsores and pneumonia. Many of you will recall a couple months back that Jerry was seeking alternative treatments to avoid amputation. Medical treatments he was seeking is not something supported by medical groups in WI.

Jerry was an AGR soldier who served for many years in the 84th Division G-1.

I have been informed there will be no services nor celebration of life for Jerry.

22 April 2021:

From Goldie Schuh, goldgr123@hotmail.com :

Prayers are needed for Jerry Brettschneider. He is now confined to a wheelchair and his physicians/surgeons are discussing amputation. He is however seeking alternative treatment. A GoFundMe page has been set up to help with the financial needs he is facing. If you'd like that information please let me know and I can provide.