

Dedrick Derrell Bowden

MSgt, US Air Force, 1981-2001

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Dedrick Derrell Bowden was born and raised in Bolivar Tennessee. In his senior year at Bolivar Centra High School, Bowden enlisted in Air Force to serve country and further education. Hunting was always a hobby from childhood. Fishing and motorcycle riding were added. Completed basic training in July 1981 at Lackland AFB. Did not attend technical training school and was immediately assigned to the Services Squadron at Lackland AFB. Served at other bases in Korea, Florida, Arkansas, Saudi Arabia, England, South Dakota, and Alabama.



Lifelong friendships were forged at various bases. He traveled home more often than most to see family and remained close to a few childhood friends.

His service ended at 20 years as planned. He utilized the Veteran's Education Assistance Program to complete B.S. degree from Troy University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He continued employment with federal, state and county jobs until sudden demise in 2016 at 53 years old. Scholarships have been provided in his name since 2017.

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