



Col. Richard Charles Kriegel

April 19, 1923 - April 21, 2019

This is the testament of Col Richard Charles Kriegel, Jr. I was born on April 19, 1923 in an apple orchard farm in Yakima, Washington and died peacefully in my sleep April 21, 2019. My parents were Richard Charles Kriegel and Hortense DeWitt Kriegel. My formal education included the Madrona and Gasfield High Schools in Seattle, Washington, the University of Washington, U.S. Marine Corps V-12 program with sponsorship of the U.S. GI Bill. Additionally, I graduated from the U.S. Industrial College of the Armed Forces as a Distinguished Graduate in the class of 1969.

I volunteered for military service in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942 while I was living on a small dairy farm near Seattle. I was selected for the Marine Corps Officer Candidate program; received combat and education training, and graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant May 4, 1945. My early military experience included one year of occupation in Japan, and service in the Marine Honor Guard at President Roosevelt's funeral in Hyde Park, N.Y.

I graduated from the University of Washington in June, 1948, and spent six months as a national executive candidate with Proctor and Gamble and six months as an executive sales candidate with the Texas Oil Company. My career with the U.S. Government was resumed when the Marine Corps drafted me for service during the Korean War. I spent my next thirty years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the U.S. Agency for International Development in various capacities.

My military service included several months at the Marine Corps Headquarters doing basic documentary research for a history of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and researching and writing a history of the Philippine Marine Corps and six articles for the Marine Corps Gazette. My published books included "Labor in East Pakistan", 1959, "A History of the Marine Corps Reserve", 1966, and a "Saga of the Philippine Marine Corps", 1970.

My service with the CIA included covert intelligence operations and para-military activities training Chinese guerilla units among others.

My USAID service as a Rural Development Deputy included developing a major program of Philippine Governmental Assistance. I spent two years as a project manager of a fifty million dollars (US) typhoon recovery program that included building 1500 school buildings – mostly in rural areas.

My assignments in Vietnam included duty as the USAID Provincial Advisor in Binh Dinh, Vietnam coordinating with both the provincial government and the Army of Vietnam, and military advisor to the II Corps. In addition, I was designated as a senior advisor to the Vieng Tao Rural Training Program by the U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam. Bien Dinh was a focal point of Viet Cong occupation and I was involved in various military exercises there. I was personally decorated by the President of the Government of Vietnam (GVN) in the field for my activities and bravery. These awards included both the Medal of Honor, 1st Class GVN in 1967, and the Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, GVN in 1965.

After returning to the United States, I moved to Florida and later to Northern Virginia. My six children were born to my first wife Lorraine Mavis Kriegel and are Robert Vivian, Jamie Dee, Richard Charles, Timothy DeWitt, Janice CoraMae, and Bruce Whitney. My wife Lorraine Mavis passed away September 11, 1983, and I subsequently married Helen Swinnerton January 31, 1987 and enjoyed my remaining years in retirement.

Comments



“ My beloved dad died early this morning in Virginia.

He had turned 96 years old on April 19th.

I continued to witness to my dad the gospel of Christ and minister to him ever since I came to the knowledge of the truth of the gospel of Christ, and had called upon the Lord Jesus Christ to save me nearly forty years ago.

Up to when I last saw him in the fall of last year, although he professed to believe in "God" he remained in unbelief about Jesus Christ being Lord and Saviour.

However, I do believe that the truth of the gospel of Christ must have been on his mind during his final days as he declined unto death, and that it is even possible that Jesus Christ could have appeared to him in a vision or in a dream, and that my dad could have then called upon Jesus Christ to be his Lord and Saviour.

Many people have conveyed to me what a good man they think my dad was and that surely God would accept such a good man into his heavenly kingdom.

However, my response is that I agree that my dad was a good man (even the greatest man I have personally known), but that no man can be good enough, or is able to do works of righteousness to earn salvation into the kingdom of God.

The only way to enter the kingdom of God is by believing in the truth of the gospel of Christ, in that the Son of God, Jesus Christ died for your sins, and that he was buried, and that he is the risen Lord and Saviour, and you call upon him to save your eternal soul.

Salvation is by the grace of God through the faith of Jesus Christ, and not by works of righteousness which we have done, or by how "good" of a person we might try to be!

If we could be "good" enough to earn salvation, then Jesus Christ would not have had to die for our sins!

Titus 3:4-7 KJV

[4] But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

[5] Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

[6] Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

[7] That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV

[8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

[9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

John 11:25 KJV

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 14:6 KJV

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Romans 1:16-17 KJV

[16] For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

[17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is

written, The just shall live by faith.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJV

[1] Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

[2] By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

[3] For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

[4] And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Romans 10:13 KJV

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

1 John 5:11-13 KJV

[11] And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

[12] He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

[13] These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.



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