



## Richard (Dick) Nathaniel Saddler

April 17, 1931 - April 27, 2020

Richard (Dick) Nathaniel Saddler,

Age 89, of Fishers, Indiana passed away April 27, 2020. He was born April 17, 1931 in Irondale, Alabama to the late Reynolds and Thelma Saddler (Peck).

Dick proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for over 44 years, rising through the enlisted ranks to become the most senior Master Warrant Officer (4), as an Army Bandmaster.

Dick enjoyed performing, playing and composing music and was known for his unique and memorable musical performances throughout the Military and civilian communities. As a Vietnam Veteran, his musical message was enjoyed in times of war and throughout the world.

He was a life member of the Association of Military Musicians, Warrant Officers Association and was a member of the Michigan Masonic Lodge.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Hannelore Lilli Saddler; children, Susan Starks (Ronald), Richard Saddler (Barb) and Yvonne Glover (Donny); grandchildren, Dr. Sabina Holland (Glenn Taylor with Great Grand Kids Giles and Griffin Taylor), Alisha Saddler, Lindsey Saddler, Derrick Glover, Eric Glover (Lynette) and Donald Glover; sister, Jeanne Saddler; and brother, Darrell Saddler.

The family would like to thank Sherry and John Riggio, Carolyne and Steve Kuehl, Clay and Carey Harris along with Allisonville Meadows and the Hunter Law Office for their kindness and compassionate care. A Celebration of Life is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Association. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

AU

“ I believe it was this Mr Saddler who auditioned me for the US Army Bands program in the summer of 1973 at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. A year later I took the oath and embarked on a 26 year career Army trombonist, retiring from the US Army Field Band in 2000. I remember him well. RIP

Alan D Potter, MSG retired USA - March 23, 2025 at 02:16 AM

HA

“ Warmly remembering Richard. We graduated from the US Naval School of Music in the same class. Went to Viet Nam the same year. However, I retired in July 1972 from Ft. Knox, KY. and move to Indianapolis, IN. He continued to serve and retire in the same city I was living (Indianapolis, Indiana) He was still smiling when I last visited him in his Nap Town nursing home. I'll always remember Richard (Dick) Saddler with love.

HAROLD K. ABDULLAH - February 14, 2021 at 04:31 PM

JC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Joe Childs - June 27, 2020 at 02:35 PM

JC

I served with Mr Saddler with the 392nd Army Band at Ft Lee, 1984-1987. Definitely a great leader and a consummate professional. Condolences and God's blessings to his family.

Joe Childs - June 27, 2020 at 02:37 PM



*I warmly remember Mr. Saddler as my commander with the Army Band at Ft. Harrison, Indiana. I served in the band with Mr. Saddler (1992-93) for a portion of my assignment before the deactivation and closure of Ft. Harrison in 1995. A great commander, with years of experience and a great sense of entertaining the local community.*

**Mark Miller** - March 06, 2025 at 07:10 PM

LP

“ *Leslie Sue Partington lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Nathaniel Saddler*



**Leslie Sue Partington** - June 08, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *I don't know what this great man saw in me back in 1977 when I was at Fort Lee. I was a confused young 18 year private, fresh out of the Basic Course at the School of Music. He took a vested interest in me and was responsible in getting me promoted, and back to the F2 course at the School of Music and to his old command in Berlin. I was invited to come out to his quarters during some holidays and special occasions to celebrate and spend time with him and his family. He was a true leader, commander, and a soldier's soldier. He inspired me to do more than I thought I could ever do, to dream, to think out of the box, and to be kind. I'm a better person because of this wonderful man! Thank you for unforgettable memories and I hope the family and close friends feel comfort and pride in Mr. Saddler, our "old man". "Old soldiers never die!"*

**Eddy Curtis** - May 14, 2020 at 12:37 PM

LP

*Sometimes you just don't know when you've got a guardian angel on your shoulder.  
Chief, I salute you forever.*

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**Leslie Sue Partington** - June 08, 2020 at 10:43 AM

TH

*“ I served under Mr. Saddler from March 1988 to Feb 1993. What a treasure and privilege to work with this man. I ran in to him post-retirement several years ago and of all of the Soldiers he met over his 44 yrs of service, he recognized me, knew my first/last name and my instruments. He will he missed and I will never forget him. RIP, sir and my condolences to his wife and entire family. The photo is him re-enlisting me in 1990.*



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**Tim Harr** - May 10, 2020 at 10:12 PM

TD

*“ My condolences to the Saddler family. I had the privilege of serving under Mr. Saddler as a member of the 392nd Army Band at Fort Lee Virginia from 1984-1987. He touched a lot of lives and will truly be missed.*

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**Thomas Denson** - May 10, 2020 at 07:25 PM

LN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Larry Nellis - May 08, 2020 at 11:31 PM

LN

*I think he wanted me promoted more than I did, awesome man. RIP SIR.*

Larry Nellis - May 08, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ My condolences to Mr. Saddler's family. He was my commander/bandmaster at Ft. Lee during the early 1980s. He faithfully served our nation for so long that Congress had to vote to extend his service. I appreciate the example set and his leadership now more than ever.

Roger Marsh - May 08, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ My condolences to the Saddler family. Mr. Saddler was kind to me when I served with him in the 74th Army Band - he was a fine man/soldier! When I was married and we had our first baby, he came to visit us and brought a gift for the baby. Such a wonderful gesture - never forgot it - a good man indeed! He will be missed by many. God Blessing him and his family!

Mark Rutter - May 08, 2020 at 09:50 PM

KB

“ About 32 years ago, Mr. Saddler noticed that a young and SP4 was drifting in the wrong direction. He personally intervened and gave me a course correction for which I will always be grateful. His passing is a tremendous loss.

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**Kenny Brodhead** - May 08, 2020 at 09:11 PM

RG

“ 3 files added to the album 392nd Army Band, Ft. Lee VA.



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**Robert J. Gruber** - May 08, 2020 at 09:06 PM

RG

“ My sincere heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May God himself comfort you all during this difficult time. Mr. Saddler left a lasting impression on us all.... Who can ever forget, flying down to Ft. Eustis on a Shanook helicopter, looking to the front and seeing him literally flying the big bird. During my time at the 392nd, I always thought....WOW, there he was at 55 years old, 35 years in the Army (at that time) and he was out there doing PT right along with us, running the 2-miles down to the pet cemetery and back. Or for us that played in the Rock Combo, playing in the O'Club every Friday and Saturday nights, looking up and seeing him standing in the balcony checking us out. He touched / molded the lives & hearts of many. May he always be watching out over us, just as he did in the O' Club. RIP SIR, you'll never be forgotten !!!!!!! {We'll follow the old man, where ever he wants to go} Tears of sadness.

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**Robert J. Gruber** - May 08, 2020 at 08:46 PM

GL

“ *Mr Saddler was my Bandmaster at FBH, very fond memories of a fine soldier, and a wonderful man. Condolences to his family.*

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**Greg Lindholm** - May 08, 2020 at 08:04 PM

 Steven Slagle

“ *Mr Saddler was my Bandmaster at Ft Benjamin Harrison during my time there from 1989-91. My lasting memory of him was when he would man the grill at company picnics. Everybody knew that his BBQ chicken was something special. He took great pride in his sauce recipe. And his soldiers appreciated it.*

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**Steven Slagle** - May 08, 2020 at 06:59 PM

RG

*His honey mustard BBQ sauce..... first time I ever had it that way. Now that was a memory. Thanks.*

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**Robert J. Gruber** - May 08, 2020 at 08:49 PM

SF

“ *Mr. Saddler was my Bandmaster when I served at Fort Lee, Virginia, from 1984-1986. I have thought of him often through the years and was disappointed when he couldn't come to the 392nd alumni concert a few years ago. My deepest sympathies to Mr. Saddler's family. He legacy will continue to live on in his family and all the military men and women who were fortunate to serve under his leadership.*

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**Shona Freeman** - May 08, 2020 at 04:53 PM

WJ

*He will be missed greatly! RIP MY FRIEND!*

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**Willie j Crudup jr** - May 08, 2020 at 05:12 PM

CM

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the Saddler family. Mr. Saddler saved me back in 1987 at Ft. Lee, VA. I was married to a musician in his band. When things got bad, he made sure we were okay. Always. He made it possible for me to get a fresh start with my two babies in California. I'll never forget what he did for my girls and I. He was a very kind and compassionate man. A professional and a gentleman. Rest In Peace and love.*

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**Cynthia Kim Melendez** - May 08, 2020 at 04:52 PM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire Saddler family. Richard was my Bandmaster in Berlin from 1975-1977. I will always remember his kind, fatherly leadership and advice to me as a young soldier. He was a truly outstanding gentleman. Steven Barzal*

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**Steven Barzal** - May 08, 2020 at 04:03 PM

ES

“ *We are neighbors of the Saddlers, when Richard was out in his yard we would talk about whatever came into our minds. Richard was a kind and friendly person and will be missed by many. Condolences to the Saddler family.*

*Ellen and Steve Sharp, Lantern Farms*

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**Ellen Sharp** - May 04, 2020 at 12:19 PM

YG

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**Yvonne Glover** - May 02, 2020 at 07:07 PM

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**Yvonne Glover** - May 02, 2020 at 06:58 PM

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**Yvonne Glover** - May 02, 2020 at 06:55 PM

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Yvonne Glover - May 02, 2020 at 06:43 PM

YG

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Yvonne Glover - May 02, 2020 at 05:11 PM

LN

*I will never forget that smile 😊*

Larry Nellis - May 08, 2020 at 11:16 PM

HG

*I served with him in Worms and followed him to Berlin. I always had someone to give me advice as a young NCO. I will miss him.*

Horace Garrett - May 09, 2020 at 08:26 AM

WG

*When I was in 2nd year of University in San German, Puerto Rico he came here and 3 student played the audition and passed but we (my brother (trombone), Efrain in percussion and myself in trumpet. I remember him well after so many years in 1975. My condolences to his family and RIP.*

Wilson Gonzalez - May 10, 2020 at 09:04 PM