



Celebration of Life



Brent Wayne Beals

February 19, 1948 ~ December 22, 2025

The Final Inspection

They stood before their Maker and thus it came to pass.
They hoped their shoes were shining just as brightly as their brass.
"Step forward now Marines," He said, "how shall I deal with you?
Have you kept all my commandments, to your duty were you true?"

We didn't like the things we did, but had to make a choice.
For those of us who carried guns, we tried to hear your voice.
We seldom had a place to sleep or had a quiet meal.
We were bound to do our duty, no matter how we feel.

We've had to fight on Sundays and at times our talk was rough.
Sometimes our acts were violent, because wars are always tough.
We've never missed a cry for help, at times we've shed some tears.
We protected little children and tried to calm their fears.

We know we don't deserve a place among your faithful here.
Their many years of service show how they were more sincere.
So if you have a place for us, it need not be so grand.
We never expected so very much, if not, we'll understand.

A silence fell all around the Throne, where Saints have often trod
As all Marines wait quietly, for the judgment of their God.
"Enter now Marines," He said, "you have borne your burdens well
Guard peacefully on these golden streets,
You served your time in Hell."

by Harry McKnight (29th Mar-3-H)

Order of Service

Opening Remarks – Chaplain, Lt Col Kent
Schmidt (Ret.), Nephew

Eulogy – Derrick J. Wick, Stepson

Notes from family – Carrie L. Killian,
Stepdaughter

Brent in a Capsule – Janita Beals, Wife

Invisible Wounds by Brent Beals
Read by James W. Wick, Stepson

This is Your Life, Brent!
A Birthday Video for Brent on his
60th Birthday
Produced by Janita Beals in 2008

Military Honors Conducted by

United State Marine Corp
And
The Emmetsburg VFW Post #2295

Benediction – Chaplain, Lt Col Kent Schmidt
(Ret.), Nephew

*Lunch will be provided at Pizza Ranch (Reserved
Room) for following the service.*

*If you would like to make a donation in memory of Brent, please
consider the Emmetsburg VFW, Post #2295.*