



Harry Bryson

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Harry Bryson, 96 of Jacksonville, Florida passed away at his home on February 5th, 2026. Harry joined the 20th SFG(A) in 1963 and was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1966. He served in the 20th SFG(A) for 6 years. Harry's civilian career began with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company in 1956 and rose to serve as its' General Manager. He is survived by his wife (Hilda) and daughter (Cynthia). A graveside service was held at the Mandarin Cemetery in Jacksonville, Florida on February 13th, 2026.

Harry Lee (Zang) Bryson

February 5, 2026 (Age 96)

Jacksonville, Florida

Special Forces

SFA Chapter 88, Mem# M-1425

Harry Lee (Zang) Bryson, Major, United States Army Green Beret (Retired), passed away peacefully on February 5, 2026, at his home, surrounded by family and dear friends. He was born August 12, 1929, in Randolph County, Illinois, along the banks of the Mississippi River. In 1942, he moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where he made his lifelong home.

H.L. began his career with United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company in 1956 and rose to serve as General Manager, overseeing operations throughout Florida, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Panama Canal Zone, and the Republic of Panama. He earned his CPCU designation in 1974 and his CLU designation in 1975. He also shared his expertise as an instructor at Jacksonville University and Manatee Junior College.

A decorated Army officer and proud Green Beret, H.L. was a life member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association and the Special Forces Association. His military service remained one of the great honors of his life.

H.L. was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He enjoyed bluegrass music, growing orchids and hot peppers, tending his citrus grove, and spending quiet time at his creek house watching wildlife. He treasured his dogs and maintained an extensive personal library reflecting his lifelong love of history and faith.

He is survived by his loving wife, Hilda; his daughter, Cynthia; his grandson, Jason; extended family members; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Mark M. Bryson.