



Jack Eakins

April 30, 1930 - November 28, 2012

Jack Lee Eakins, age 82, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012.

Jack was born April 30, 1930, in St. Louis, MO, to Dorothy (Swindell) Eakins Lee and Virgil Eakins.

On September 25, 1953, he married Mary Earlene Williams.

Jack served the US Army in the Korean and Vietnam wars retiring as Command Sergeant Major. During his 22-year career, he was awarded two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Star Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, and three Air Medals. At the age of 23, Jack was Company Commander at Ft. Bragg, NC. Making over 100 jumps, Jack was a Paratrooper in the Korean War and served in the 25th Infantry Division during Vietnam.

He later taught ROTC at Michigan State University and Lakeside High School in Hot Springs, AR, where he was also Assistant Football Coach.

Jack was a faithful member at First General Baptist Church where he enjoyed greeting his fellow church family each Sunday morning.

He was highly respected and adored by his friends and family. He leaves

behind his wife of 58 years, Mary Earlene Eakins; two daughters, Lynn (Tony) Shores, Pam (Mike) Shourd; six grandchildren, Jackie (Jerry) Burns, Bryon (Heather) Loy, Andrea (Matt) Donnell of Rison, Jennifer (Mark) Hamilton, Brandon Shourd, Austin Shourd; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Jack helping me and my family get our first home. He bought appliances from us over the years and was always a good guy to talk to. I really liked listening to him and my dad talk about all their military stories. Jack you will be missed but we will all see you again one day. my dad now has another friend to tell stories with in Heaven.

*Allen McGill and Family
McGill's Service*

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“ We knew Jack through business. We bought a mobile home from him and he would also buy appliances from us. All I can say about Jack was that he was 'one of a kind'! He was a good man and we are going to miss him. If the family needs anything let me know.

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