



Joe Wesley Sandifer

September 11, 1927 - May 18, 2016

CSM (Retired) Joe Wesley Sandifer 88, of Searcy, AR. joined his Heavenly Father on May 18, 2016.

He was born on September 11, 1927 in Tylertown, MS to parents, James Wesley Sandifer and Ida Cole (Charboneau) Sandifer. He was sixth of twelve children and is preceded in death by his parents and ten siblings. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Teddie Smith Sandifer of Searcy, brother, Charles Sandifer (Delores) of AL, daughters, Joanna Spiliotis (Pete), Gayla Jackson both of North Carolina. Joe loved his wife's family as his own and is survived by daughters, Shelia Jennings (Bart) of Searcy, Dixie Bryant (Rick) of MO, Nancy Duren (Randy) of Benton, and son, Doug Whitener (Anda) of Heber Springs. He was a loving grandfather to 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Joe first served in the US Navy during the closing days of WWII. He then served in the United States Army as a Paratrooper for twenty years and earned the Master Parachutist Badge. The last seven years of his career were served in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th Special Forces, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious service against enemy ground forces and the Combat Infantry Badge. He served three tours in Vietnam and retired in 1968 as Command Sergeant Major. After retirement he served as a Foreign Officer for the Department of State in Vietnam for 6 1/2 years. After returning to the States, Joe graduated from Phillips College in Gulfport, MS with a degree in Accounting. He was the previous owner of the H&R Block in Heber Springs,

AR. While Joe had many highlights in his life, he was extremely proud of walking across the United States, from coast to coast, in an effort to raise money for the Special Forces Museum, Fort Bragg, NC. His ultimate goal and accomplishment was to serve the Lord and be a good Christian. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Searcy.

Services for Joe will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Searcy, AR. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service. A military burial will follow in the Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock, AR. Powell Funeral Home of Searcy is responsible for arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, Joe ask that donations be made to Arkansas Hospice or First Baptist Church building fund.

Cemetery Details

Arkansas Veterans Cemetery

1501 West Maryland Ave.
North Little Rock, AR 72120

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Spring and enter Sts.
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Searcy First Baptist Church
Spring & Center Sts.
Searcy, AR

Burial

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Arkansas Veterans Cemetery
1501 West Maryland Ave.
North Little Rock, AR 72120

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Wesley Sandifer*



Powell Funeral Home - May 20, 2016 at 11:14 AM

CH

“ *Dear Teddy and Family,
I learned of Joe's passing a few months ago and I've been trying to process it. Joe was my father's Command Sergeant Major in Vietnam, and one of the best friends I ever had. Joe and I went to Vietnam in 2003 to see where he and my dad served, and he honored me by being my Best Man at my wedding in 2006. He and Teddy treated me and mine like family. He will always be a hero to me.*

*Love you, Teddy
C. L. Hamerle*

Charles Hamerle - July 11, 2020 at 10:27 PM

BR

“ *Teddie, I'm so very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I felt like I gained two great friends through the Gold Club. Enjoyed visiting with you and Joe the times I ran into y'all in Beebe or Searcy. Very much enjoyed the trips we all went on together. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God wrap his loving arms around you through this difficult time.*

Benita Russell - May 21, 2016 at 08:37 AM

Rachel
Smith

“ Rachel Smith lit a candle in memory of Joe Wesley Sandifer



Rachel Smith - May 20, 2016 at 02:40 PM

JJ

I'm BO SANDIFER, MY OFFICIAL NAME JOHN CHARLES SANDIFER JR , MY DAD IS UNCLE JOE's BABY BROTHER, THANK YOU, I NEVER HEARD OR SAW HIM DO NOTHING WRONG, HE DONE EVERYTHING WITH PRIDE AND HARD WORK, UNCLE JOE IS A WINNER, AINT NEVER BEEN NOTHING BUT ONE, ONE OF THE GREATEST PEOPLE IN MY LIFE FOR SURE, I CANT NEVER FORGET EM, UNCLE JOE WAS THE MAN

John SANDIFER , Jr - March 05, 2018 at 06:42 PM

SM

“ Steve Morrison lit a candle in memory of Joe Wesley Sandifer



steve morrison - May 20, 2016 at 12:44 PM

JB

You will be forever loved and missed. Joy Sandifer

Joy Sandifer Barrasso - May 21, 2016 at 12:12 PM

BJ

Thank you sir for your service to our country.

B J Jones - May 22, 2016 at 01:58 PM

TR

“ *The Roseborough purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Joe Wesley Sandifer.*



The Roseborough - May 20, 2016 at 09:08 AM

KP

“ *I got to know Mr. Joe over the last year & he holds a special place in my heart. I know he will be missed by all that loves him. I will continue to keep Mrs. Teddie & the rest of the family in my prayers.*

Kendell Powell - May 19, 2016 at 08:10 PM

GJ

“ *Gayla Sandifer Jackson lit a candle in memory of Joe Wesley Sandifer*



Gayla Sandifer Jackson - May 19, 2016 at 05:31 PM

CB

“ *Charlie Sandifer-Baby Brother lit a candle in memory of Joe Wesley Sandifer*



Charlie Sandifer-Baby Brother - May 19, 2016 at 04:48 PM

JW

“ *Grandma Teddie and family,
You are in our thought and prayers.
Jerrod, Brandi, Baylor and Judson*

J. Williams - May 18, 2016 at 08:53 PM