



Herb Nance

November 2, 2012

Herb Nance, 85, of Cape Girardeau passed away Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau. He was born Feb. 23, 1927, in Bell City, Mo., to John H. and Stella Pryor Nance. He and Virginia Watkins were married Sept. 1, 1951, in Cape Girardeau. Herb began his career in the military by enlisting in the Army out of high school, where he served his country bravely during World War II. After being honorably discharged, Herb joined the Air Force where he ended his career. For many years Herb was a construction superintendent for Ray Clinton in Sikeston, Mo., before retiring. He worked at Central Hardware, and then founded Ourco Flag Co. where he earned the nickname of "the flagman" throughout Southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana. He was heavily involved in both VFW and American Legion, where for a period of time he was commander of both. Herb was a member of the Elks, Eagles and Disabled American Veterans. He was an avid baseball fan and loved watching his grandsons play sports. Herb was instrumental in helping with Freedom Corner and refurbishing the Cape Rock site. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Debbie (Alan) Keenan of Sikeston; two grandsons, Jonathan Keenan of Sikeston and Scott Keenan of St. Louis; a nephew, Gary (Judy) Danback; and a niece, Carlyn (Russell) Knight. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at the funeral home,

with the Rev. Geoff Posegate officiating. Burial will be in Lorimier Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Missouri Veterans Home, 2400 Memorial Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. I remember the "flagman" from the VFW and the flags proudly flying at his house as I drove by on the way home. You are in my prayers.

Donna Komorech - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ The pain of losing someone you love is something that we will never get use to because God's Word refers to death as 'the last enemy.' May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will have our enemy 'brought to nothing.' (1Corinthians 15:26) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I hope you'll find peace in knowing how many lives you father touched in so many positive ways. Stay strong, Debbie, but when you're low, know many prayers and thoughts are with you. In Christ--Deborah Hoeller

Deborah S. Cooper-Hoeller - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Herbie... You were one of the first persons I met when I moved down here in 2001, we sure had many, many good laughs together, you will surely be missed by many, May God Bless You My Friend.

Robert L Duckworth - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM