



## Howard Gregory

October 21, 2014

Howard Eugene Gregory, 83, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at Missouri Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was born July 18, 1931 in Cape Girardeau to Wesley "Bill" and Ollie Matlock Gregory. He and Betty Goff were married June 7, 1955 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Howard joined the Army on January 30, 1951 and served stateside as a paratrooper. He was honorably discharged on January 29, 1954 with National Defense Medal, Parachute Badge and Good Conduct Medal. He was an electrician for IBEW Local 1. He also worked for General Sign and installed the Pizza Inn Man at the former Pizza Inn on Clark Street off Broadway. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time and caring for his cattle on his farm in Neely's Landing. He was a member of TPA and formerly a member of Eagles Aerie #3775 and Elk's Lodge #639. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Betty Gregory of Cape Girardeau; daughters, Cathy Dirnberger (Butch) of Oran, Missouri, Karen Gregory (Rhonda Whitworth) of Cape Girardeau; brother, Wesley Gregory of Cape Girardeau; sisters, Betty Farrow of Ponca City, Oklahoma, Pat Lewallen of Arnold, Missouri, Carol Bauer (Lloyd) of Kankakee, Illinois, Ruth Dowler of Columbus, Ohio; granddaughters, Sara Maschmann (Elliot) and Katie Heisserer (Chris Graviett) of Oran, and Tori Ourth of Cape Girardeau; stepgrandsons, Shaun Dirnberger (Lori) and Shane Dirnberger (Karen) of Oran; great-stepgrandson, Cody Dirnberger (fiance, Brittney) of Oran. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may call 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 23,

2014 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM Thursday, October 23, 2014 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Ed Stoner officiating. Committal service will follow at 3:00 PM at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military rites by Missouri Honors Team. Memorial contributions may be given to Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Crown Hospice, or Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are very sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Juanita and Laura Goff

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**Laura Goff** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Betty, Cathy, Karen, Ginny, and all the rest of the family, I'm sorry for your loss. I wish I could attend the service. I'll be thinking of you all. Love you. Rose Marie

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**Rose Marie Kinder** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of caring for Howard while he resided at Auburn Creek Assisted Living. All of the residents and staff there were saddened to hear about his passing. Although I won't be able to attend the services, I will be thinking of you all and praying that God gives you the strength you need during this difficult time.

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**Stephanie Johnson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM