



Lail Johnny "Cotton" Bernard

September 15, 1931 - December 12, 2018

Lail "Cotton" Bernard, 87, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the MO Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau. He was born September 15, 1931 in Oran to the late Lacey and Idus (Edwards) Bernard. He had resided in Gale, Illinois, in Cape Girardeau from 1964-1985, in Sikeston from 1985-2009 and had been a resident of the MO Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau since 2009. He had been a construction supervisor for Storey's Grocery Chain and was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he was the recipient of a Bronze Star and 2 Purple Hearts. In September, 2018 he participated in the Honor Tour of Washington D.C. with both of his children. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion and attended church services at the Veterans Home Chapel. He was married in 1955 to Mary Estes in Oran and they had two children, Lacey & Patti (Eaker) Bernard of St. Charles and Wendy Nenninger of Jackson. Also surviving are 5 grandchildren: Holly Tucker of Cape Girardeau, Jenna Smith of Jackson, Austin Nenninger of Cape Girardeau, Libby Bernard of Sikeston and Evan Bernard of St. Charles. 3 sisters, Barbara Venable of Scott City, Zexia Sietman of Oran and Etber LeGrand of St. Louis also survive. He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec.. 22 from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with a Eulogy at 5:00 pm. The family will have a private graveside memorial service Friday, Dec. 28 with full military honors at the MO State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield. The family also requests that, in lieu of flowers,

donations be made in his name to The Avenue of Flags Post 3838 1049 N. Kingshighway Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Attn. AOF Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

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