



Melvin Robert Heatley

September 30, 1934 - December 12, 2023

Melvin Robert Heatley, age 89, of Jackson, Missouri, died Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at his home in Jackson, Missouri.

He was born on September 30, 1934 in Dutchtown, Missouri to Cornelius Lee and Michel Merick Heatley.

Melvin served in the Navy and the Air Force for a total of 26 years. Later he owned his own convenience store for several years before he retired and move back to Jackson, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki L. Heatley of Jackson, Missouri; one daughter, Elizabeth "Bits" of Portland, Oregon; one brother, Raymond Lee Heatley (Marie) of San Diego, California; six grandchildren, Angie, Jason, Jeremy, James, Makala and Benjamin; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was a great PaPa to Navaya, Ayden and Austin Moreland of Cape Girardeau.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four children, Pamela, David, William and Paul Heatley; two grandchildren; one brother, Eldon Heatley; three sisters, Emilda Irene Guthrie, Effie May McClure and Ellie Marie Heatley.

Visitation will be 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Friday, January 12, 2024 at Ford &

Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will follow at 2:00 pm Friday at the funeral home with JT Thomason officiating, followed by Military Honors by Missouri Honor Guard..

Memorial contributions may be given to VFW Post 3838 in Cape Girardeau.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM.

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so very sorry to learn of Mr. Heatley's passing. So many conversations shared as we stocked him up on books! (making sure it wasn't marked already in his black binder book of course) Respect and pride are the words I keep going back to when I think of him. He always had respect for others, and was a true patriot to the core. One day a young man was in the store and had a service emblem on his hat- Mr Heatley commented on it and when the young man asked if he had served we watched his whole body respond- he stood a little taller, a little more firmly and replied with his own service details. Thank you for your service Mr. Heatley, rest easy sir. Becky and Jennifer @ The Book Rack

Becky and Jennifer - January 12, 2024 at 10:32 AM