



Ruppert Duane McAllister

February 7, 2015

Rupert Duane McAllister, of Cape Girardeau, died February 7, 2015. Duane was born May 5, 1925, in York, Nebraska, to Paul Rupert and Mary Frances (Malone) McAllister. He married his childhood friend and high school sweetheart, Rosemary Conrad, on September 14, 1944. This past summer they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary surrounded by four generations of family. Duane served in WWII as a B-25 pilot during The Po Valley Campaign, Italy. After the war, Duane and his family were stationed in Occupied Japan and England and many places in the U.S.A. Flying all over the world with the Military Air Transport Service, he flew the Lockheed Constellation (C-121) and the Columbine III, (considered the first Air Force I). Duane retired as a Major on July 25, 1965. During his military years, he also volunteered as scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts. In 1974, Duane and Rosemary moved to Estes Park, and spent the next twenty years enjoying living and working in the state of Colorado. In 1993, they moved to Cape Girardeau to be near family. The last few years, they made their home in Saxony Manor. Duane volunteered for twenty years at Southeast Missouri Hospital and enjoyed his banjo, gardening, and traveling. Survivors include his wife, Rosemary, his sister, Elaine (McAllister) and Richard Burnett, two sons; David and LaRue (Votrain) McAllister of Cape Girardeau, MO, Richard and Brenda (Freeman) McAllister of Payson, AZ, and one daughter, Debra (McAllister) and Robert Gerling of Guthrie, OK., nieces, nephews, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two

brothers, Vernon Keith McAllister and Howard McAllister. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, he patiently taught his family the skills needed in life to not only survive but to enjoy life. Loved and respected for his strength of character, his wit and love of God, country and family, he will be dearly missed. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 10th, from 4:00 -7:00 p.m., at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home. VFW Post 3838 will conduct a 6:00 p.m. service. A private family graveside burial service will be held later at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield, MO, with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home, 2400 Veterans Memorial Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701; or the Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Tribute Wall

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“ *His kind, caring, generous heart will be missed.*

Janet Stewart - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Our prayers are with the entire family. May God help you all through this. Love Jim, Virgilia, & Family*

James & Virgilia Detering - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. McAllister will be sadly missed on row 4 at CCCC. Our prayers and condolences to the family. Ken, Mike and Carolyn Torbet*

Carolyn Torbet - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. McAllister is very loved and will be very missed. God's blessings to Duane and his family.*

Jeremiah, Laura, Addison, and Marin Timura - September 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *I have many fond memories of Duane and shared experiences with Duane and Rosemary. He will be missed but never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Kris Eisenzimmer - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM