



MSG (Ret) Franklin Garner "Frank" Pyle

November 30, 1932 - December 27, 2020

Franklin Garner Pyle, son of the late Albert and Jesse Marie (Davis) Pyle, was born November 30, 1932 in Magnolia, Arkansas. As a young boy, Frank, as he was known by his family and friends, grew up in Smackover, Arkansas where he graduated from high school with the Class of 1952.

In March of 1952, Frank was drafted into the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1982. He had attained the rank of Master Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: National Defense Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Occupation Medal (Germany), Army Commendation w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal w/3 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), Meritorious Service Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Non Professional Development Ribbon (1), and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

On June 26, 1965, Frank was united in marriage to Nellie Ludene Barnes in Newport, Arkansas. They shared over 35 years of marriage together before she preceded him in death on February 18, 2001.

After the passing of Nellie, Frank was united in marriage to Opal Marie Pyle

and they shared several years together before Opal preceded him in death.

After retiring from the military, Frank worked for Central Texas College for 10 years before beginning his time at the Learning Center on Fort Leonard Wood where he served as manager until his retirement.

In his spare time, Frank was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Post #49 and the AUSA (Association of the United States Army). He also enjoyed being outdoors while working in his garden or out on the water fishing. He listened to and collected old country and gospel music recordings. Most importantly, he loved his family and enjoyed getting to spend time with them whenever possible.

Frank passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020 in the Houston House Nursing Center of Houston, Missouri having attained the age of 88 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two stepchildren: Charlotte Jones (Michael) of Tiffin, OH and Steve Combs (Lisa) of Crocker, MO; eight grandchildren: Steven Combs of Olathe, KS, Matt Gamblin (Sarah) of Paola, KS, Michael Combs (Kylie) of Dayton, OH, Sabrina Bernt (Michael) of Enterprise, AL, Andrew Combs (Katy) of St. James, MO, Kyle Harrison of Jefferson City, MO, Mindi Green (Scott) of Crocker, MO and Nathaniel Combs of Crocker, MO; several great grandchildren: one great-great grandson; one sister: Charlotte Moran (HB) of Benton, AR; one sister-in-law: Sharon Courtney (Buster) of Raymondville, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In addition to his parents and his two wives, Frank was preceded in death by one brother, James Pyle.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, 2020 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Chaplain (CPT) Matthew C. Ailstock officiating. Steven Combs gave a beautiful eulogy and the songs "When I Get Where I'm Going" and "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven" were played. Serving as escorts were family and friends. Burial with military honors followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army and the Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Frank Pyle and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of MSG (Ret) Franklin Garner "Frank" Pyle*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 20, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *MSG (Ret) Franklin Garner "Frank" Pyle*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Mary Haas lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret) Franklin Garner "Frank" Pyle*



Mary Haas - December 30, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 29, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of MSG (Ret) Franklin Garner "Frank" Pyle*



linda cole-schonbok - December 29, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret) Franklin Garner "Frank" Pyle*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - December 29, 2020 at 09:00 AM

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“ My Pap is a legend. He is what it means to be a man. I think back on my 46 years and he and Nanny fill most of my great memories. Not good, but great. I believe that I am the man I am today because Pap was more of a father than the two who were supposed be. I have never known a more loving or patient man in my life. He never asked for anything in return. He just loved. He was never too busy to show my brother and I anything. He was the man I inspire to be. I am far from it, but I try. He took care of my Nanny. When most people would have given up and moved on during her illness, Pap never wavered. He never complained. When we went fishing he would always worry about leaving her by herself for too long. This post isn't long enough to say everything about my Pap. This world is so much darker without my Papa and Nanny. I know she was waiting at the gate for him and that brings me peace. I love you more than words, I miss you more than words Pap. Thank you for loving me and being my Papa. Rest in Peace. Give Nanny my love.

Matthew

Matt Gamblin- Grandson - December 28, 2020 at 10:00 PM

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We are sending our thoughts and prayers to your family. May the many wonderful memories of your Dad and Grandpa help carry you through this time. Looking at the pictures and knowing part of the family his legacy will live on.

Chris and John Morrissey

Travis and boys

The Morrissey Family - December 30, 2020 at 06:44 AM