



CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler

December 9, 1929 - March 18, 2016

Command Sergeant Major Jack D. Butler, son of the late Harold O. and Hazel E. (Nelson) Butler, was born December 9, 1929 in Eureka, Kansas, and graduated from Tonovay High School in 1947. He attended Emporia State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas concentrating in physical education and mathematics. Following this, he signed a contract to play professional baseball in the Kansas-Missouri-Oklahoma League with the New York Yankees. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1951 and completed basic and advanced training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He participated as a member of the 120th Engineers, 45th Infantry Division, in the Korean War. Between the Korean War and 1967, he served in diversified unit and staff positions in Europe, Iceland and the United States. Between troop assignments, Command Sergeant Major Butler graduated from the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, with honors, at Fort Leonard Wood.

Following a three-year tour in Germany, Command Sergeant Major Butler was assigned as operations sergeant of the 168th Engineer Battalion (Combat) in Vietnam. After his selection as command sergeant major, he served with the 168th Engineer Battalion (Combat) and the 79th Engineer Group in Vietnam. He participated in four Vietnam campaigns, including the Tet Offensive. From October 1968 to June 1972, Command Sergeant Major Butler was assigned as battalion command sergeant major at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After an assignment as an engineer group command sergeant major in Germany,

he returned to Fort Leonard Wood in 1976 as Command Sergeant Major of the 2nd Training Brigade. In 1978, he was selected as the Post Command Sergeant Major of Fort Leonard wood. Command Sergeant Major Butler has been a senior noncommissioned officer for over 29 years. He was selected as a first sergeant during his initial term of service and has been a Command Sergeant Major for 14 years. He was also selected by the Army to serve 35 years.

During his illustrious career of more than 31 years, Command Sergeant Major Butler has been honored for valor on the battlefield and for meritorious service in positions of great responsibility. His many awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, two awards of the Bronze Star for Valor, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, four awards of the Army Commendation Medal, two awards of the Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant, ten awards of the Good Conduct Medal, The Silver Order of the De Fleury Medal, Secretary of Defense Cold War Certificate of Recognition, Presidential Korean War Certificate, and many other campaign awards and service ribbons.

Command Sergeant Major Butler was a member of the Army Engineer Association, Sergeants Major Association, Association of the United States Army, Francis J. Lynch VFW No. #3168 of Laquey, Plato Masonic Lodge No. 469 AF & AM, Plato Chapter No. 240 Order of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite-Valley of Joplin, Abou Ben Adhem Shrine of Springfield, Committee of Fifty, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 331 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49. Command Sergeant Major Butler was a 50 year member of the Masonic Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine International, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Command Sergeant Major Butler was united in marriage to Dolores June McCollam on March 12, 1954 in Kansas City, Kansas. They shared over 62 years of marriage together and were blessed with three children: Jackie,

Sharon and Janet.

In his spare time, Command Sergeant Major Butler enjoyed being outdoors fishing and traveling with Dolores. He loved attending and watching any baseball game he could and was an avid fan of the New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family and friends, especially the grandchildren.

Command Sergeant Major Butler passed away Friday, March 18, 2016 in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 86 years, 3 months and 9 days. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Command Sergeant Major Butler leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Dolores of the home; three children: Jackie Dean Butler II (Annette) of Fairborn, OH, Sharon Corum of Pataskala, OH, and Janet Wieberg of Columbia, MO; seven grandchildren: Shawndra Corum, L. John Corum, Skylar Corum, Jared Corum, Michelle Jenkins (Nathan), Jessica Wieberg (Kyle), and Tiffany Fuller; four great-grandchildren: Kendall, Khloe, Jacob and Ellie Jo; two sisters: Wanda Frakes of Eureka, KS and Dixie Holm of Denver, CO; one brother: Richard "Butch" Butler of Augusta, KS; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Command Sergeant Major Butler was preceded in death by five siblings: Wayne Butler, Glen Butler, Albert Butler, Dorothy Butler, and Stephen "Cap" Butler.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in the Memorial Chapels of Waynesville with Pastor Bill O'Neal officiating. Jackie Dean Butler, II, Bob Dills and Hal Dandrige, all recalled their wonderful

memories of Jack. Soloist Becky Lercher sang “Another Soldiers Coming Home” and “Amazing Grace”. Serving as escorts were the United States Army and serving as honorary escorts were Hal Dandridge, Frank Sanchez, James Wewer, Jim Phillips, Mike Richards and John Goble.

Burial with military honors followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler to the American Diabetes Association of The Shriners Children Hospital 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

MAR 22. 4:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 25, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ *CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I had the privilege of being assigned as the Commandant of the Drill Sergeant School from July 1980 until retirement in October 1982. My wife Sally and son Tom lived at 26 Funk Street, not to far from the Butlers. Fort Leonard Wood was an excellent military community thanks to the efforts of CSM Butler and his leadership skills. I just happen to be looking up my past assignment and found the obituary of CSM Butler. The information provided for all to see was an outstanding tribute to a fine soldier, father, husband, grandparent and mentor to all.*

*CSM Frank Ball
September 8, 2016
1058 Grand View Avenue
Everett, Pa 15537*

Frank Ball - September 08, 2016 at 10:14 PM

SC

“ Steven Combs lit a candle in memory of CSM
(Ret) Jack D. Butler



Steven combs - April 06, 2016 at 02:59 PM

MB

“ Delores and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I have so many good memories of Jack with Clay and I at the Shrine Club, DU, Committee of Fifty and other community functions. Jack had that infectious smile and sparkling eyes! May you take comfort in all the years and wonderful memories!. Millie Howlett Brotherton

Millie Brotherton - March 26, 2016 at 07:20 PM

CD

“ When the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation needed help with the Jerry Clower Concert many years ago, Jack Butler arranged a meeting with Major General Fiala, at that time the Commanding General at Fort Wood. The Stagecoach Stop Foundation members were greeted warmly and help was generously given. Several thousand young soldiers attended the concert and all had a great time. It was a major fund raiser that helped get the Old Stagecoach Stop in Waynesville purchased and renovated. Couldn't have done it without Jack's help. Thank you for helping us, serving your country, and serving your community. Our prayers are with your family and friends.
Cornelia & Robert Dodds

Cornelia & Robert Dodds - March 24, 2016 at 05:11 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Delores and the family. I have wonderful memories of Jack visiting us at the Waynesville St Robert Chamber of Commerce Office back in the 90s and sharing his stories of fishing, working to keep Fort Leonard Wood open (BRAC years) and his Army life in general. Some of my favorite memories are when he would talk about Delores and his eyes would sparkle and he would smile that smile. Rest in peace Jack, you will be greatly missed.



Gloria McBeth - March 23, 2016 at 09:41 AM

TG

“ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Rest in Paradise CSM,

from the Fort Leonard Wood Sergeants Major Association.



TYSON GOOLSBY - March 22, 2016 at 08:38 PM

MS

“ Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler



Marge Scott - March 22, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 22, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to the family. Jack was a special friend throughout the years, but especially when we worked together at Fort Leonard Wood. We loved to talk about fishing. He served his nation well and will be sorely missed. His life made a difference in so many lives. We were blessed to have him serve.

Kay York - March 22, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 22, 2016 at 10:01 AM

RH

“ *May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon Brother Jack's Family. RIP My Brother!*
Ron & Lorreta Hawk



Ron Hawk - March 22, 2016 at 09:12 AM

FH

“ *The General Surgery Clinic at Fort Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital would like to extend our condolences to your family at this difficult time. Thank you for allowing us to care for Jack when care was needed. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Butler will always be remembered by our clinic family.*

Felicia Hicks - March 22, 2016 at 07:44 AM

WA

“ *William Anderson lit a candle in memory of CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler*



William Anderson - March 21, 2016 at 10:21 PM

WA

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William Anderson - March 21, 2016 at 10:20 PM

SC

“ *SUSAN COVERT sent a virtual gift in memory of CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler*



SUSAN COVERT - March 21, 2016 at 04:04 PM

JS

“ *The members of Yellow Springs Masonic Lodge #421, in Yellow Springs OH, would like to express their sympathy and condolences to all the Butler family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of mourning.*



John L Smith - March 21, 2016 at 02:15 PM

LP

“ *Les And Mary Pero sent a virtual gift in memory of CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler*



Les and Mary Pero - March 21, 2016 at 12:35 PM

LP

Our thoughts and prayers to the Butler family

Les and Mary Pero - March 21, 2016 at 12:36 PM

NB

“ *Nick & Tamara Breedlove lit a candle in memory of CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler*



Nick & Tamara Breedlove - March 21, 2016 at 11:54 AM

PA

“ *I am among the many men Jack led to Light in Masonry. I can never fully repay him.*

Paul Adkins - March 21, 2016 at 11:03 AM

PG

“ *In Our Deepest Sympathy - PEACE I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. John 14:27*



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - March 21, 2016 at 10:24 AM

HB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends during this season of bereavement; keeping all in our prayers!*



Harold and Brigitte Burluson - March 21, 2016 at 10:22 AM

LH

“ *What a gentleman! Jack will be remembered well. My thoughts and prayers to Dolores and family.*
Luge Hardman

Luge Hardman - March 21, 2016 at 08:09 AM

DH

“ *My condolences to all of CSM(Ret) Butler's family. My prayers are with you in this time of mourning.*



Dennis Hutchinson - March 21, 2016 at 06:29 AM

WK

Jack's passing will be a great lose to both his family and friends. Jack is known and loved by very many people and he will missed, but never forgotten.

During the 25 or so years I have known Jack, I have always found him to be a true brother and friend. He worked hard at helping Plato Lodge #469 continue to grow and to educate both new and older members. May the Lord watch over Jack and his family.

W. Curtis Kelley - March 21, 2016 at 07:32 PM

 Olivia Marquez

“ *CSM Butler was a great man, and it was my pleasure and honor to care for him and get to know him and Dolores during his rehabilitation from his hip surgery. My heart and prayers go out to his wonderful wife, and the family. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten. God bless.*



Olivia Marquez - March 21, 2016 at 03:36 AM

LM

“ *LINDA M MOORE lit a candle in memory of
CSM (Ret) Jack D. Butler*



LINDA M MOORE - March 20, 2016 at 08:56 PM

LM

*I knew Jack and Delores for many years. He was devoted to his family
and to the org. that He belonged. He was a man of greatness for
sure...It is an honor to have known him*

LINDA M MOORE - March 20, 2016 at 08:59 PM