



MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff

May 24, 1918 - May 2, 2018

MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff, son of the late Alpha A. and Gertie (Paulson) Deardeuff, was born May 24, 1918 near Crocker, Missouri where he grew up and attended Sweethome School #21. He then graduated Valedictorian from Crocker High School with the Class of 1933.

After graduation, Jesse decided to stay on the family farm and work. Feeling compelled, he then enlisted in the United States Army on August 28, 1940 and served faithfully for 21 years, 9 months and 16 days until his retirement in June 1962. His assignments took him to England, France, Belgium, Germany, Korea, Japan, and Alaska. He was shot in the World War II Battle of the Bulge, earning him a Purple Heart. His other military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal with five bronze loops, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Medal with two bronze service stars, World War II Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal with one silver star, and the United Nations Service Medal. After declining numerous offers to receive promotions, Jesse retired from active service on July 1, 1962 as a Master Sergeant E-7, to finish out his career serving his country in the Civil Service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he could be with his wife and raise his son.

Jesse married the love of his life, Norma Evelyn Hamilton, on January 1st 1949, whom he cherished until her passing on April 28, 2013. They shared

over 64 years of marriage together, and were blessed with one son, Dwight, and many wonderful memories.

In his spare time, Jesse enjoyed being outdoors. You could find him either hunting, fishing or working in his large garden. He loved watching the St. Louis Cardinal games and really enjoyed his grandchildren. He was very proud of their accomplishments and loved spending time with them.

Jesse was a lifetime member of the Harry Herron DAV Chapter 49 and the Ozark Memorial VFW Post #3176 of St. Robert.

Jesse passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2018 in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He had attained the age of 99 years and would have turned 100 in just 22 days. He was really looking forward to his birthday celebration. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Jesse leaves to cherish his memory, two grandchildren: Gavin Deardeuff of St. Louis, MO and Allison Deardeuff of Kansas City, MO; daughter-in-law: Linda Deardeuff of Rolla, MO; three great grandchildren: Miles, Sam and Lincoln; dear friends and neighbors: Bob and Betty Belton; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jesse was preceded in death by his son, Dwight Deardeuff.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2018 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor William Kempen officiating. The song "Amazing Grace" was played and serving as escorts were the United States Army. Burial with military honors followed in the Crocker Memorial Park Cemetery of Crocker, Missouri with honors being provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jesse Deardeuff and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Crocker Memorial Park

Crocker, MO 65452

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 09, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff*



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - July 13, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ *MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff thank you for your service rest now, warrior rest.*



zi david - June 14, 2018 at 08:09 AM

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“ *Dr. Linda. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you*



Michael & Crystal Mosier - May 11, 2018 at 08:49 PM

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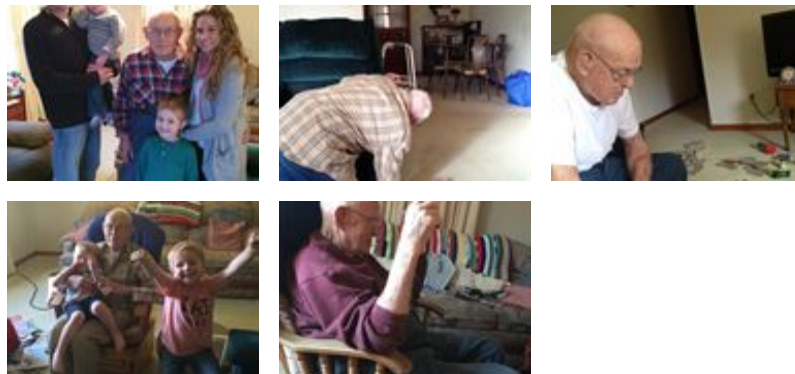
“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - May 05, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ *110 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 05, 2018 at 12:52 PM

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“ Jesse (and his wife, Evelyn) were very dear friends of my dad, (Lonnie) Dale Shetler. I spent many hours playing in Jesse’s garden as a little girl. Rest in Peace Jesse. Tell my dad I love and miss him.

Angela Paterson - May 04, 2018 at 09:05 PM

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“ Thank you for all you have given to us and your country.
Mayor Hardman
City of Waynesville

Luge Hardman - May 03, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ Sue Hayes lit a candle in memory of MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff



Sue Hayes - May 03, 2018 at 07:12 AM

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“ Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of MSGT (Ret) Jesse Wayne Deardeuff



Marge Scott - May 03, 2018 at 06:46 AM