



## SSG (Ret) Truman George Hudson Sr.

June 27, 1950 - April 17, 2018

SSG (Ret) Truman George Hudson, Sr., son of the late James Thomas and Geneva Ellen (Walker) Hudson, was born June 27, 1950 in St. Louis, Missouri.

As a young boy, Truman grew up in Licking, Missouri and graduated from high school. He entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully through the Vietnam Conflict and Dessert Storm and retired in 1991. He had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal - 2, Overseas Service Ribbon - 2, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal - 3, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w-Palm, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon - 2, Vietnam Service Medal w-3 Bronze Service Stars, Meritorious Unit Citation, Sharpshooter Qualification Badge Rifle M16, and Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal Unit Citation Badge First Class.

On June 30, 1973, Truman was united in marriage to Mary Leona Blaylock and they were blessed with four children: Billy John, Amanda, Truman Jr and Jesse Mac. They shared over 44 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

Truman served his country also by working as a civil service employee on Fort Leonard Wood for many years. He was a member of the Army Reserve Shooting Team and the American Legion.

In his spare time, Truman loved being outdoors. You could find him either camping, fishing or hunting. He was also enjoyed bowling, playing a round of golf and woodworking. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family.

At an early age, Truman made a profession of faith and was a member of the Rock Springs Baptist Church.

Truman went home to be with his Lord Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in the Harry S Truman VA Hospital of Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 67 years.

Truman leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife: Mary Hudson of Salem, MO; four children: Billy John Hudson and wife Donna of Valmeyer, IL, Amanda Hail of El Dorado Springs, MO, Truman George Hudson, Jr. of Salem, MO and Jesse Mac Hudson of Salem, MO; 10 grandchildren; 10 siblings; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Truman was preceded in death by his stepfather: John Moore; and two brothers: Gary Hudson and Larry Moore.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2018 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Truman Hudson and may be left at the funeral home.



# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood  
25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Tribute Wall



“ SSG (Ret) Truman George Hudson Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ I haven't really had words to express how I felt about Truman. He was that man's man. A rock to our family. He provided a refuge for me in my formative years and set an example of complete unselfishness. Sharing everything he had with us. I was always very proud of his military service and looked forward to him coming home each time he was deployed. He loved this country, his family and these Missouri Ozarks. Hunting and fishing whenever his health would permit He loved baseball and good music He has left a hole in our family. God speed my big brother I will see you on the other side. Rest now in peace with no more pain.

connie wallace - April 24, 2018 at 11:06 AM



I love you Aunt Connie! Thank you for the sweet, kind words!

Amanda Lea - April 25, 2018 at 09:45 PM



“ I will never forget you. You meant more to me than words can say. You was one of the few people that knew the real me and never judged me. I will love you forever Truman

Linda mielke - April 23, 2018 at 03:57 PM

MH

“ Truman is my beloved husband. He will be my one and only until we reunite in heaven. We have made too many memories to mention. He is only on another deployment until we unite! 💕



Mary Hudson - April 23, 2018 at 02:05 PM

JB

“ I can't scratch the surface of the great memories I had with Truman or the lessons he taught me. One time me and Billy John were chasing a German Shepherd with these wooden trucks and the dog was penned up in the yard. The dog finally had enough and jumped on me and was about to clamp his jaws on my head when I saw these hands grab the dogs jaws and pulled him away from me. It was my brother-in-law Truman. I spent a lot of nights at Truman and Mary's house, one night I wanted to go home with them and Mom said no. I cried until she let me go but Truman said some things on the way to his house that taught me I shouldn't do that to my mom. I remember going on amazing camping trips from the time I was little until after I was married. I remember Truman protecting me from things I shouldn't of had to live through. I remember him and Mary driving me home after my heart surgery. I remember him teaching me life lessons, like it is ok to fail as long as you pick yourself up and go on. I remember he was loving and forgiving. I also remember him talking to me about death. I asked him if he was right with God and he said yes. I asked him how he was so calm when he was so close to death and he told me " I have brought a lot of this on myself and I just want to take death like a man." I will never forget that and it helps me when I am close to deaths door. Truman, I Love You and can't wait to see you in Heaven someday.



Jerry Blaylock - April 22, 2018 at 10:47 PM

JO

“ Truman is my brother-in-law. My favorite memory is down on the Piney River camping and the sound of the Cardinals baseball game playing out of the cab of his big Green Ford. Leaning on the bed of the truck drinking chocolate sodas and waiting to hear that Ozzie stopped another smoking grounder and threw out the base runner. After the Redbirds won, it was time to go check the troutline. Pickup a couple of catfish and maybe a turtle. Listen to the fire crackle as we set and talked about anything and everything.

I loved when he came in wearing his uniform. You see, he was my hero. Not only for serving his country. But, for always being there to take care of us. He wasn't really tall to most people. But, he was ten foot tall to me.

I loved how he loved my sister. Few couples have been so in love. At times my wife and I looked to them for strength to keep our own love strong.

There are not enough words I could say to express how much I loved him. See you in Glory big brother!

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**John** - April 22, 2018 at 09:44 PM

MH

“ In loving memory of my husband. I miss you.  
Rest In The Arms of Jesus.



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**Mary Hudson** - April 22, 2018 at 01:43 AM

DC

“ *Deloris Conyers lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Truman George Hudson Sr.*



Deloris Conyers - April 22, 2018 at 12:32 AM

AB

“ *Truman was a great role model in my life! He always had a smile no matter what the situation may be, always had a determined attitude and truly cared about others. I had the utmost respect for him and will always have a special place in my heart where the memories of him lie! He truly*

*Loved his family and stood by Mary during her fight with cancer always with an encouraging word and a “never give up” attitude. RIP Truman I will forever love and miss you, until we meet again*❤️

amanda blaylock - April 21, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ *Sharon Squires lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Truman George Hudson Sr.*



Sharon Squires - April 21, 2018 at 04:38 PM

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“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Truman George Hudson Sr.



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 19, 2018 at 01:39 PM

BJ

“ Truman was my hero. He loved his family. Honored his country served in two wars. I always looked up to him. He was one of the biggest reasons I joined theUSAR. When I was a kid, 9 or so, my uncle died. Truman and my sister Mary took the younger of us siblings and kept us in their cabin on their honeymoon. I had the utmost respect for SSG ret Truman G Hudson. I will see you in Heaven.



Brenda Julien - April 18, 2018 at 11:07 PM



Amanda  
Lea

Very sweet Aunt Brenda, thank you for sharing!

Amanda Lea - April 22, 2018 at 09:05 PM

MH

Truman is my beloved husband forever into the after life! I will love him and only him until we are together again💕

Mary Hudson - April 23, 2018 at 12:41 PM