



Jasper Francis (Lebanon)

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Jasper Jacob Francis, son of Silas G. and Opal Sweat Francis, was born November 21, 1924, in La Habra, California. He departed this life Friday, March 11, 2016, in the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James, Missouri, at the age of ninety-one years, three months, and twenty days.

On March 12, 1949, he was united in marriage to Sylvia Mae McCain, and to this union two daughters and two sons were born.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sharon Kay Francis; and a brother, James Francis.

Jasper is survived by his loving wife of sixty-six years, Sylvia, of the home; a daughter, Cindy Pendergrass, and her husband, Carl, of Stoutland, Missouri; two sons, Jerry Francis, and his wife, Jennifer, and Chris Francis, and his wife, DeVonna, all of Stoutland, Missouri; nine grandchildren, Jason, Lori, Jerad, Pepper, Joshua, Zechariah, Rachelle, Nathan, and Kayla; eleven great-grandchildren, Jake, Jayden, Lexee, Lane, Haley, Colton, Skylar, Isaiah, Paris, Ariel, and Roper; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was born in California, and then moved with his family to Missouri when he was nine years old. He attended Lebanon R-III Schools and graduated from Stoutland High School in the Class of 1943. He entered the military and served his country faithfully in the United States Navy during World War II. He was stationed in Korea where he was a medic. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he returned to Missouri, and began working with his father at Francis Furniture Store for a time. He also began farming and continued in that endeavor for many years. He started working in civil service as an ambulance attendant and medic at Fort Leonard Wood beginning in 1966 through the late 1980's. Upon retiring, he and Sylvia enjoyed life on the farm.

Jasper had professed his faith in Christ and was a member of Highpoint Baptist



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Church near Stoutland, where he served on the board of trustees. He had a caring heart and was always willing to help others.

He was an active member of the V.F.W. Post # 4107 in Lebanon for many years and also served on the Stoutland R-II School Board. Jasper was delighted when the book *Murder on Rouse Hill* came to completion, as it chronicled his family heritage in Laclede County. He enjoyed reading, antiquing, and spending time with his family. He possessed a delightful sense of humor and loved playing April Fools pranks. He made his family the center of his life and liked following his grandchildren's activities.

Jasper was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments and know that his family and friends will treasure the wonderful memories he made for them during ninety-one years.

Memorial donations to Crossroads Cemetery may be made through the funeral home.



Events


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Visitation

 **Monday**, March 14, 2016

 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CT


 **Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon**
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536



Service


 **Tuesday**, March 15, 2016

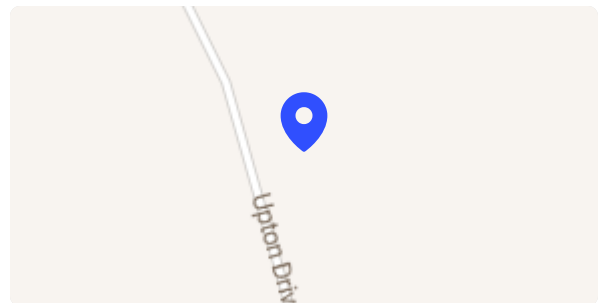
 11:00 AM CT

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Cemetery Details

 **Crossroads Cemetery**
24174 Upton Dr., Lebanon MO 65536





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Claludia & C.A. Stubblefield posted:

Jap was such a good, dear friend of our family - for over 68 years. May God ease your broken hearts; and, take comfort that each of you shall meet him in Heaven. With our love, C.A. & Claudia May God Bless you.

March 15 at 6:46 AM



Marta Mcmillin posted:

May God be with you more now than ever during your loss. My thoughts and prayers for family and friends. Marta (Green) McMillin & family

March 15 at 6:30 AM



Carol Gideon lit a candle in honor of Jasper.

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and healing during this time. God Bless you all. Jerry & Carol Gideon

March 14 at 5:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Francis (Lebanon) family.

March 13 at 5:00 PM



Jeffrey McClain posted:

I met Mr. Francis about 32 years ago when I started working at Ft. Leonard Wood as a newly hired Paramedic. He was a great person and was very helpful. I worked evening shift with him for a year or so before he retired. It was always interesting hearing about his farm, cattle and how busy he was before he arrived at his regular job. Sorry for your loss. I'm sure he made many positive impressions on a lot of others throughout the years. J. McClain

March 13 at 4:46 PM



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Tina Millsap lit a candle in honor of Jasper.

March 13 at 4:39 PM



Bud And Louetta Cromer lit a candle in honor of Jasper.

March 13 at 2:20 PM



Annette & David Hinshaw lit a candle in honor of Jasper.

Heartfelt thoughts and prayers to all of you

March 13 at 1:49 PM



Karen (Vice) Lahey posted:

Sorry for your loss, Prayers for the family!

March 13 at 12:34 PM



Debra Helbig lit a candle in honor of Jasper.

March 12 at 3:25 PM



Shane And Deneane Smith lit a candle in honor of Jasper.

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for Chris and family.

March 12 at 4:58 AM





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Brandy West Jones lit a candle in honor of Jasper.

So sorry to hear about your loss

March 11 at 1:03 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jasper by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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