



Eugene Rippee

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Eugene Bert Rippee, son of Homer and Grace Carter Rippee was born near Rayborn, Missouri on December 28, 1924 and departed this life Saturday, October 11, 2008.

He attended Lawson grade school where his uncle Walter Rippee was his teacher through all eight grades. He graduated from Mtn. Grove High School in 1943 and was drafted into the U.S. Army in July 1943. After basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, and a short stay at Fort Brown, Texas, he went with the 124th Cavalry to Burma. He served in China, Burma, and India until the end of World War II.

In 1947, he was married to Ruth Hutsell and they became parents of five daughters. They made their home on a dairy farm near Rayborn except during the 1950's, when Bert was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad in Rawlins, Wyoming as a fireman. With the coming of the Diesels, the firemen were no longer needed, so they returned to the farm. When his health began to fail, the farm was sold and they moved to Mountain Grove in 2004. Bert became a Christian early in life and was a charter member of Calvary Baptist Church, later moving his membership to Friendship Baptist Church. He was a faithful member and was an adult Sunday School Teacher as long as his health permitted.

He had been a member of the Elmer O. Sellers American Legion Post #45 in Hartville since 1946 and was also a member of the V.F.W. in Mountain Grove.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents; his father and mother-in-law, Leonard and Gladys Hutsell; his brothers, Kermitt Rippee, Guy Rippee, Don Rippee, and wife Jeanne; and a grandson, Cristopher Rust.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth of the home; his five daughters, Judy Kemper and husband Malcolm of Mtn. Grove, Missouri, Peggy Rust and husband Clyde Jr., of Columbia, Tennessee, Karen Rippee of Mtn. Grove, Missouri; Nancy Staudt and husband John of Nixa, Missouri, and Linda Boll and husband Arlan of Long Beach,



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California; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Greg Kemper and wife Liz and their children, Madison, Harrison and Hudson, all of Nixa, Missouri, Nathan Kemper and wife Mauria of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Shawna Staudt and fiancé Trevin Taylor of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Adam Rust and wife Asya of Lavergne, Tennessee, Reverend Jason Rust and wife Erica and their children, Jordan and Jayda, of Spring Hill, Tennessee; a sister, June Booth of Springfield, Missouri; two brothers, Jay Rippee and wife Mildred of Springfield, Missouri and Rex Rippee and wife Marie of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Martin of Springfield, Missouri; several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

His greatest joy was when his children or grand and great-grandchildren came to visit.

Funeral services for Eugene Bert Rippee will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the Friendship Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday evening in the Friendship Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to Gideon Bible or Community Hospices in care of the Funeral Home at P.O. Box 236, Hartville, Missouri 65667.



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JF

Jim Finley posted:

My condolences to Ruth and the Rippee family. I have very fond memories of my time spent with Burt while growing up, attending the summer church camp outs, and working in the hay fields. Burt was always a kind and generous man.

November 28 at 6:56 AM

LS

Louis And Bobbi Still posted:

Dear Rippee Family, Very sorry about your loss. Bert was a wonderful man and my dear friend. We all are going to miss him very much. What good memories I have of him. May God give you peace, we love you, Louis and Bobbi

October 22 at 7:22 AM

SN

Shawn Nix posted:

Ruth and family, I was so sorry to hear about Bert's passing. I have many fond memories of you all from the time we lived in Mtn. Grove and attended Friendship. My prayers are with you. A special hello to Mrs. Kemper and family. Shawn Nix

October 16 at 6:04 AM

JP

Jo James Prichard posted:

So saddened to hear of the loss of Bert. Linda and I were friends in school and I wanted to let her and all the family know I am thinking of them. He was a sweet and wonderful man.

October 15 at 2:36 PM

RS

Randy Smith posted:

We were in Springfield for a fraternity reunion and I was saddened to see Mr. Rippee's obituary in the Springfield paper. I knew Malcolm and Judy in college and remember what a wonderful, kind gentleman he was. Please know that our thoughts are with you during this time, Sincerely Randy and Linda Smith

October 14 at 5:20 PM



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TM

Toni Marra posted:

Nancy and John, We would like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Father. With the kindness and thoughtfulness that you possess Nancy, we know that Eugene must have been a wonderful person. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Danny, Toni, Michael and Matthew Marra

October 13 at 7:11 PM

JR

Jenny Rippee posted:

My thoughts are with all of you during this trying time. I will always remember him with one pant leg up on his boot. There will never be another Uncle Shorty like him. Love you all!!

October 13 at 4:48 PM

DM

Danny Marra posted:

Nancy & John, We are so sorry to hear about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Marra's

October 13 at 10:04 AM

RL

Robert And Lela Pio posted:

We would like to express our condolences to all of Bert's family. It is with deep regret that we cannot attend the services to pay our respects. We have many fond memories and will cherish those thoughts. Fondly, Bob and Lela Pio

October 13 at 9:28 AM

GH

Georgia Bubner (Higby) posted:

I am so sorry to hear that Bert passed..I always enjoyed him..He was a jolly person and had a permanent smile on his face. I loved him very much, altho, I seldom see any of you. I want to express deepest sympathy to each of you. Love, Georgia

October 13 at 6:24 AM



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RB

Ramona Julian Bell posted:

My prayers and thought are with you. May God bless each one of you.

October 13 at 4:45 AM

CD

Clark & Bernice Dysart posted:

With Sympathy to the entire family. Bert will be greatly missed and remembered as a wonderful person.

October 13 at 3:12 AM

TS

Tom & Jennifer Staudt posted:

We are so sorry for your loss.

October 12 at 3:00 PM

DP

Dustin Sloan And Lindsey Polley posted:

My deepest thoughts and sympathies with all of you. Sorry I cannot be there but I will never forget my uncle Shorty.

October 12 at 2:17 PM

EH

Edd And Chris Higby posted:

Dear Ruth and Family, God's Blessings to all of you for the loss of a special person. Love to all, Edd and Chris

October 12 at 5:26 AM

RW

Ralph Waling posted:

Known Bert and Ruth for several years and enjoyed their friendship. He can now join Don and Jean in God's heaven that is prepared for each of us. Ralph

October 12 at 4:17 AM



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AG

Andrew J Gann posted:

I really wish I could cometo the funeral, I am sorry I can not be there. Andrew James Gann

October 11 at 11:28 PM

EW

Ettamae Waterman posted:

Very sorry for the loss of your brother, Jay. My condolences to your family. Your brother looked a lot like you! Sincerely, Ettamae Waterman

October 11 at 7:35 PM

RR

Randy & Rita Rippee posted:

Our prayers are with you. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our suffering, so that we may be able to comfort others in all their suffering, since we ourselves are being comforted by God.

October 11 at 2:30 PM

CR

Crissy Rippee posted:

Thanks for being my Uncle Shorty. I will miss you. Love, Crissy

October 11 at 12:10 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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