



Bill Eastman

January 14, 1925 - December 7, 2012

Harold Dean Eastman, 87, of Louisiana, Missouri passed away Friday, December 7, 2012 at Pike County Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be held Sunday, December 9th, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Monday, December 10, 2012 at the funeral home. The Rev. Don Kelly will officiate. Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana. Mr. Eastman was born January 14, 1925 in Creston, Iowa to Walter Roy and Maulcy (Knight) Eastman. He moved to Louisiana with his parents in 1930 and graduated from Louisiana High School in 1942 where he was a 3-sport letterman in football, basketball and track. In 1943 Mr. Eastman was inducted into the Army and served as a paratrooper during World War II with the 17th Airborne Division known as "Thunder from Heaven". He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in December of 1944 and received a Purple Heart. He was also with the first combat unit to jump the Rhine River into Nazi Germany. After the war, Mr. Eastman worked construction in St. Louis, MO. He married Imogene Willis on February 19, 1955 and they moved to Louisiana in 1958 where Mr. Eastman was employed at Hercules, Inc. until his retirement in March of 1987. Mr. Eastman was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Louisiana. He was also a member of Elks Lodge #791 and the Pike County Country Club where he was an avid golfer. Mr. Eastman is survived by his wife, Jean, and their two sons, Rick Eastman and wife, Pat of Jefferson City, MO and their children Zach and Karina; and Phil Eastman and wife, Kim of Olathe, KS and

their children Daniel and Matthew. He was preceded in death by his parents in 1991 and an infant grandson, Nathan David Eastman on July 2, 2004.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Hospice or the First Baptist Church of Louisiana. Online condolences may be sent to collierfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Eastman*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Bill Eastman*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *On behalf of the now dissolved 17th Airborne Division Association may we say farewell to a distinguished and valued comrade. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and family during this difficult period.*

*Ed Siergiej
17th Airborne Division WWII*

Edward J. Siergiej - January 17, 2013 at 12:12 PM



“ *Jean*

So sorry to hear about Bill. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you and keep you in your time of sorrow.

evelyn singleton taylor - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Praying for the peace of eternity for Mr. Bill Eastman and for the comfort that sharing good memories can provide the family. My heart goes out to you during is sad time of saying goodbye to your dad. While I didn't know him, my dad did and he has only good things to say about your dad. God now has another angel to help Him celebrate in Heaven.

Diana (Burluson) Light - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Jean, Rick, and Phil
We keep you in our thoughts and prayers, enduring such a loss. He was a good and decent man. Losing men of this generation is an enormous loss to our society considering what is going on in our world today. God bless and keep you.
With love, Carol

Mackie & Carol Love - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM