



Roy Lee Garner

December 15, 2008

ROY LEE GARNER, AGE 80, DIED MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2008 IN OZARK. HE WAS A RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, HAVING SERVED IN 2 WARS, KOREA IN 1951 AND VIETNAM IN 1965, AND WAS THE RECIPIENT OF 2 BRONZE STAR MEDALS, 2 MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDALS, AND 1 AIR MEDAL PLUS CORRESPONDING THEATRE OF OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBONS. HE WAS A MASONIC BLUE LODGE MEMBER AND A SCOTTISH RITE 32ND DEGREE MASON FOR OVER 50 YEARS, AND A SCHRINER FOR OVER 35 YEARS. HE WAS A LIFELONG MEMBER OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT HE SPENT 12 YEARS IN VOLUNTEERISM GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY HE LOVED SO DEARLY. A SELFLESS VOLUNTEER, HE WAS CONSTANTLY GIVING WHERE HE COULD WITH ABSOLUTELY NO THOUGHT OF REWARD. MAIN STREET ARKANSAS AWARDED HIM THE ROYCE BOLDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2002. MAIN STREET OZARK WAS HIS FAVORITE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM; HE WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF MAIN STREET OZARK AND THE OZARK AREA MUSEUM. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE OZARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND RECEIVED THEIR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN 2007. HIS VOLUNTEERISM WAS TO REPAY THE COMMUNITY OF OZARK FOR A HAPPY CHILDHOOD IN THE TOWN OF OZARK WHERE HE WAS RAISED BY AN AUNT AND UNCLE, CLIFFORD & IRA HOFSTATTER, DURING THE LATE 1920s & 1930s. THIS OCCURRED AS THE RESULT OF THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF HIS FATHER AND THE NECESSITY FOR HIS MOTHER TO FIND A JOB AND SECURE A HOME FOR HER SON. AT THE AGE OF SIX HE MOVED TO TEXARKANA TO LIVE WITH HIS MOTHER AND START SCHOOL. AFTER GRADUATION FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY IN JANUARY 1949 HE MARRIED BARBARA JEANNE MOSS OF OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. TOGETHER THEY RAISED AND ARE SURVIVED BY 5 CHILDREN & 3 GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS ROY LEE AND EDNA HOFSTATTER GARNER. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE TO "MAIN STREET OZARK".

Tribute Wall



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