



Ernest H. Wallace

November 3, 1919 - January 21, 2014

Ernest H. Wallace, (Ret.) United States Army Colonel, 94, passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. He was born November 3, 1919 in Wyandotte, Oklahoma; he was the son of John R. Wallace and Grace (Peterson) Wallace.

He married Gladys A. Davis April 30, 1941 in Jonesboro, Georgia. They were the parents of two sons, Wayne L. Wallace and George M. Wallace. Mr. Wallace was preceded in death by his two sons, his parents, and two brothers Leonard (Hazel) and John J. Wallace, and his sister Levina Wallace Wilson and her husband Alvin.

He is survived by his wife of seventy-two years, Gladys; his daughter in law, Eileen (Wayne) Wallace, a daughter Peggy Curtis (James) of Atlanta and four nieces and nephews he and Gladys raised after the death of his sister and her husband. They are Bill Wilson, wife Patty, of Las Vegas, Nevada, John Wilson, Oklahoma City, Pat Grubb and Brenda Wilson, Miami. Grandsons: John Wallace (Liz), Wyandotte, Tim Wallace (Marla), Tallahassee, FL, Keeling Grubb (Chloe) of Miami, Chuck Beddingfield (Tina) of Georgia and granddaughters, Jessica Wallace, Springfield, Missouri, Natalie Wilson of Houston, Texas, Monica Kimbler (James), Lynn Osbold, Elaine Hill (Mike) all from the Atlanta area as well as numerous other Step-grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1937 and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years. He enlisted in the Regular Army in 1939 as a private and was promoted through all enlisted ranks to Master Sergeant. He then attended the Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School after which he was commissioned a second Lieutenant. He was then assigned to the 31st Medical Group as Adjutant and S1 and S4. He fought WWII with this unit and participated in the landings on Utah Beach in the Normandy Campaign. His unit was charged with the triage and transportation and the treatment of the wounded during that war. By the end of the war they had handled over 250, 000 wounded during notable battles such as Normandy, Northern France, Battle of the Bulge (Ardennes), Rhineland and Central Europe. After the war he was executive officer of three different military hospitals and was on the medical staff of Headquarters First Army on Governors Island, New York. He later commanded the 48th Armored Medical Battalion of the famous Second Armored Division.

He transferred to the Infantry in 1949 and graduated from both the basic and advanced courses at The Infantry School, the regular course of the Command and General Staff College and the Nuclear Weapons School where he became a specialist in the tactical employment of nuclear weapons.

During the Korean War he was sent to the Republic of Turkey where he became a military advisor to our ally in the Korean War. After the Korean War he was assigned as Senior Army Instructor to the Iowa Reserves. This was followed by three years in Alaska where he was Assistant G3 for two years and commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment for one year. While in Alaska he participated in an arctic expedition of 1000 men in Northern Alaska where the temperatures ranged from 30 degrees to 60 degrees below zero.

After the Alaska assignment he was assigned to the US Army Artillery and

Missile School where he was chief of the Infantry for three years and Chief of Nuclear Weapons for two years.

He retired from the Army in 1963 as a Colonel having been commander at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and subsequently taught ROTC at McDonald County High School in Missouri.

In addition to the four battle stars earned during the campaigns in Europe he was also awarded the good conduct medal, the American Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Army Occupation Medal (Germany), European African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal with Metal Pendant.

Colonel Wallace was not only an amateur historian but was a witness to some memorable events such as the invasion of Normandy. On a visit to Africa in May 1951 while attending a military parade on the streets of Tripoli, Libya he witnessed the attempted assassination of the then King of Libya. Later in December of that year he sought and obtained an audience with Pope Pius XII. Although he was with about eight other in the audience, the Pope singled him out in greeting him at his Castle Gondolpho outside Rome which was his winter quarters. On April 16, 2013 he was able to take an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wyandotte, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the First United Methodist Church in Wyandotte or any Veterans Organization.

There will be a time for viewing from 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM on Friday, January 24, 2014 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Services are 10:30 AM, Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Wyandotte with Reverend Jon Bates officiating. Interment will follow at Wyandotte Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami. Military rites will be provided by Fort Sill Honor Guard. Casketbearers will be John Riley Wallace, Tim Wallace, Richard Wallace, Jack Wallace, Keeling Grubb and Lonnie Lankford.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Wallace's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Wyandotte Cemetery

Highway 60
Wyandotte, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 24. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Service

JAN 25. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Wyandotte
103 East Broadway
Wyandotte, OK 74370

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Cousin Ernie, You were so admired by all of us in the Harvey Wallace clan. We are so thankful to have known you and your family. Thank you so much for the work you did on the Wallace Genealogy. You have set an example for our young people to look up to and cherish. Carolyn Leach*

Carolyn Leach - January 29, 2014 at 03:42 PM

HE

“ *Uncle Ernie, You were a great man even though I did not know you much. I wish I would have gotten to know you more. Your amazing and so sweet and you would give the shirt off your back. I love you Uncle Ernie and all the family tree and stories you would tell.*



Heather - January 25, 2014 at 08:44 PM

SD

“ *Uncle Wallace was a special man and I always looked forward to his visits to Atlanta when he and his family came to see their Atlanta relatives. He enjoyed genealogy and telling us about our family history.*

He will be remembered fondly, I am thankful for his long full life and for sharing his life and family with me. Love, Sharon

Sharon Haliburton Dunaway - January 23, 2014 at 07:30 PM

Sharon
Dunaway

“ *Uncle Wallace was a special man all of his Atlanta relatives always looked forward to his and his family's visits. He enjoyed family genealogy and telling us about our history. He had a long full life and I am better for knowing him.*



Sharon Dunaway - January 23, 2014 at 07:22 PM

RL

“ *The only man I've ever meet that could feed wild foxes with his bare hands (true story). I came from Missouri as a young teen to spend some valuable fishing time with him and his grandson john. He opened his home to me as it was mine. One of my favorite weeks ever growing up. Thank you sir. Randy lewis (waynesville Mo.)*

randy lewis - January 23, 2014 at 02:10 PM

SH

“ *Shana sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest H. Wallace*



shana - January 22, 2014 at 06:38 PM

EH

“ *Elaine Hill lit a candle in memory of Ernest H. Wallace*



Elaine Hill - January 22, 2014 at 11:01 AM

SL

“ I didn't know Ernest, but I'm so sorry for your loss. That loss seems unbearable so people try to “comfort” us by saying, “you'll see your loved one in heaven,” but that means we have to die too! In John 11:20-27, It's interesting what happened when Jesus met Martha, the sister of Lazarus, after he died. Martha said, “If you had been here, he wouldn't have died.” Jesus said, “Lazarus will rise.” Martha said she believed that he would rise on the last day. Then Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” She didn't know that Jesus was planning to resurrect Lazarus THAT day, but that's exactly what he did! But, He never told her that Lazarus was with His father in heaven, he told her she would see Lazarus again on earth! That's what he did and what He promises us!!

Earlier that day, In John 11:11-15, Jesus likened death to sleep. We know when we go to sleep we wake up. Death is a sleep we can wake up from, but it will be at the call of Jesus. That ties in with what is said in Acts 24:15 where it says “there is going to be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous.”. So, according to the Bible, and what Jesus said, Ernest will be returned to the earth, I hope that thought brings you comfort. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Sandra Lasswell - January 22, 2014 at 08:24 AM

TW

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Tim Wallace - January 21, 2014 at 09:23 PM

JR

“ *I am sorry for your loss - what a wonderful, long life your grandpa lived!*

All my love - Jill Hess Rader

Jill rader - January 21, 2014 at 08:49 PM

JW

Thank you Jill. We appreciate your kind words. Love, Jess

Jessica Wallace - January 22, 2014 at 05:44 PM