



Jake M. Ruppe

April 23, 1932 - August 17, 2017

Jake Marshall Ruppe, 85, LT. Col. US Army (RET) of Bloomington, Indiana passed away peacefully with his wife by his side at his home on Thursday, August 17, 2017. He was born April 23, 1932 in Rutherfordton, North Carolina the son of Ralph Roberts and Beulah Mae (Dobbins) Ruppe. Jake married the “Love of his Life”, Margit, Steiger, on September 19, 1953 in Bamberg, Germany. They were married for almost 64 years.

After attending Harris High School in North Carolina, Jake enlisted in the United States Army in 1949, was commissioned as an Officer in 1957, received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Omaha in 1967 and retired from the Army in 1976.

He was a career United States Regular Army Officer and a decorated Combat Veteran with 27 years of honorable service, serving in locations throughout the U.S., Germany, Iceland, Italy and Vietnam (two tours). After his Army career Jake directed the Culver Military Academy’s JROTC military science program for three years and from there went on to spend three years in Saudi Arabia with the Vinnell/Al Bilad-Vinnell Corporation training and advising the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia’s National Guard. Jake and Margit returned to the United States, settling in Bloomington where he was the owner of Bartlett’s Custom Woodworking Mill for 10 years. Jake loved spending time with his wife and children, family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 604 in Bloomington and the Military

Officer Association of America (M.O.A.A.)

Survivors include his wife, Margit Ruppe of Bloomington, IN, four daughters, M. Carol Ruppe, Lily Ruppe (Greg Fields), Linda Ruppe (Judd Wunsch), Teresa Ruppe (Douglas Coffman), three brothers, Howard, John and Steve Ruppe (Ginger), two sisters, Maxine Adair and Carol Axon. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers Jim, Norris, and Mike Ruppe, two sisters Patricia Baynard and Glenda Ledbetter.

Memorial Services will be at 4:00pm September 17, 2017 at Allen Funeral Home & Crematory 4151 S. Old State Road 37 in Bloomington, IN. Visitation will be from 3:00pm to service time at the funeral home. Cremation Rites have been accorded. Internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to The IU Health Hospice of Bloomington. (<http://www.bloomingtonhospitalfoundation.org/give-now> - designate hospice). You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Margit and Girls and their families,
Just found out about Jake through my daughter, Jeannine and it certainly is long past due to send our deep condolences to Margit and family, but nevertheless we do want to. The Ruppe family shared our duplex at Illenheim, Germany and it was during those Army years that we all became friends. They were a wonderful family and we loved the beautiful girls. Margit was such a pleasure to know and oh, so intelligent about the German economy; she taught us so many interesting issues of the day. I remember that she taught a Cooking Class and in it we all learned how to make the real Lipteur Cheese. Jake commanded a Mech/Infantry Battalion at Illenheim and did an outstanding job. We send our sympathy to the Ruppe family. Fond Memories from the Goodenough Family Fred, Joan, Jeannine, Kathleen and Jannelle....

The Goodenough Family - March 18, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Jake M. Ruppe.



September 17, 2017 at 09:09 AM

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“ You were our "Rock". We will all miss you so terribly much. Such a great man who I am so proud to have had as my father. I Love you.
Linda May

Linda Ruppe - September 16, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Jake M. Ruppe.*



September 16, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Linda Ruppe lit a candle in memory of Jake M. Ruppe*



Linda Ruppe - September 16, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *What an awesome man and an awesome family. Whenever we got together, I would love to listen to all their stories and experiences. Jake will be missed and we wish nothing but good thoughts to Margit and Carol. We love you all! The Arowcavage's*

Terry Arowcavage - September 15, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *When we had lunch in August, I was so pleased that Margit spoke so lovingly of her marriage and her life with Jake and family. For such a long marriage it is wonderful to have such positive memories.*

*My condolences to Carol and the other children.
With much sympathy,
Jan Skinner*

Jan Skinner - September 11, 2017 at 06:44 PM