



Elton A. Riggs

February 20, 1926 - August 26, 2014

Elton A. Riggs was born February 20, 1926, in Morrilton, Arkansas, to Marion Andrew and Mary Savanna (Wilsher) Riggs. He died Tuesday, August 26, 2014, in Claremore, Oklahoma, at the age of 88 years. Elton was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Army as a Technician Fifth Grade with the 393rd Infantry Regiment during World War II. His battles and campaigns included the Battle of the Bulge. His decorations and citations included three Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Army of Occupation Ribbon Germany, EAME Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and Purple Heart Medal. After returning stateside, Elton was married February 1, 1947, in Midland Texas, to Suzanne Montandon, whom he met while serving in France. They had made their home in Lubbock, Texas, for most of their married life where Elton was self-employed as a Horologist. He was a faithful member of Lubbock First Assembly of God and served as board treasurer and deacon. He was an active member of the Disabled American Veterans serving as DAV Commander and DAV Chaplain. He was also a member of the Military Order of Purple Heart. Elton enjoyed a variety of pastimes, but his love of God and family was most important. Loving family members include: His wife of over 67 years; Suzanne, of the home; Five children; Larry Riggs and wife Shirley, of Dothan, Alabama; Betty Riggs-Gute, of Plano, Texas; Eddie Riggs and wife Cindy, of Owasso, Oklahoma; Denise Riggs-Hawk and husband Alan, of Alcoa, Tennessee; Yvette Riggs-Stucks, and husband Bryce, of Oklahoma.

City, Oklahoma Nine grandchildren; Michelle Sirchio, of Garland, Texas Tony Sirchio and wife Andrea, of McKinney, Texas Andy Riggs and wife Nicole, of Owasso, Oklahoma Grace Wosten, of Lubbock, Texas Kristi Calder and husband Steve of Glen Burnie, Maryland Cassie Morris and husband David, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma Aaron Riggs and wife Jenna, of Collinsville, Oklahoma Lynsie Riggs, of Dothan, Alabama Zachary Stucks and wife Shelby, of Killeen, Texas, with Zach currently stationed in Afghanistan. 10 great grandchildren; Tony, Olivia, Dax, Arabella, Natalie, Jude, Bryson, Caleb, Adriana, and Reagan Elton was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters, and great granddaughter, Audrey Diana Riggs. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August, 28, 2014, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral services will be held 2:00 Friday, August 29, 2014, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso with Pastor Tom Lakey, Lubbock, TX officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be John Anthony Sirchio, Bryan Andrew Riggs, Aaron Michael Riggs, David Robert Morris, Zachary Bryce Stucks (honorary) and Tony Vaughn Elton Sirchio. Committal services and interment will follow at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Oklahoma Veterans Center, in memory of Elton Riggs, P.O. Box 988, Claremore, Oklahoma, 74018. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. www.moweryfs.com '

Tribute Wall

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“ *'Betty & family, I am so sorry to hear about the death of your dad. I have fond memories of the times I spent in your home when you lived on 52nd Street in Lubbock, Texas. He will be missed. May God give you peace and comfort.'* ”

Carolyn Arnett Josephson - September 02, 2014 at 02:08 PM

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“ *'We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Riggs was a great man and will be missed.'* ”

Johnny & Jenise Wooten - August 29, 2014 at 02:11 PM

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“ *'Our prayers are with you and the Family. I know he was a special Man by all the stories you have told me about Cindy and Eddie and the family. Things you all will hold dear to your heart. Remember all the life lessons he had gave you that what makes you a strong family with god. God Bless you and your family. Always Nicola and Danny and Family Gonzales.'* ”

Nicola Gonzales - August 28, 2014 at 11:05 PM

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“ *'My deepest sympathy for your loss.'* ”

Angela Rinehart - August 28, 2014 at 09:34 PM

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“ *'Betty, I am very sorry for your families loss, my thoughts are with you.'* ”

Lee-Ann DiAnni - August 28, 2014 at 05:15 PM