



Gerald "Jerry" Brueckner

November 25, 1925 - July 23, 2012

Gerald "Jerry" V. Brueckner, age 86, of Gravois Mills, passed away Monday, July 23, 2012, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born November 25, 1925, in St. Louis, Missouri, a son of the late Raymond R. and Bessie I. Crader Brueckner.

On November 23, 1952, in Hardy, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Betty Joyce Forbis, and together they have shared the last 60 years.

Jerry retired from Falstaff Central Distributing in Sedalia.

He was a United States Navy veteran proudly serving as an aviation radioman in the Black Cat Squadron in the Pacific during World War II and also served in the United States Army 101st Airborne during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Sedalia, and a member of the Ararat Shrine in Sedalia; a 32nd Degree Mason, a Master Mason, a Knight of the Scottish Rite, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5178 in Gravois Mills. He was one of the first volunteer firefighters for the Gravois Mills Fire Department.

In addition to his wife Betty Joyce, he is survived by his son, James C. McGrath and wife Marsha of Australia and his grandchildren, Jodi, Michelle

and John, and ten great-grandchildren; his daughter, Judith A. Bryant and husband Steve of Kennett, Missouri and grandson, Raymond; his daughter, Jerry Rae Brueckner of Gravois Mills and granddaughter, Dee Ann Crandall and husband Shawn, great-granddaughter, Carolyn N. Crandall and great-grandson, Dillon M. Crandall; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Gus Brueckner.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 4, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peggy Penrod lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Brueckner* ”



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