



Col John A. Berlette USAF (Ret)

August 21, 1929 - October 8, 2015

Col John A. Berlette USAF (Ret), age 86, of Laurie, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2015, at his home. He was born August 21, 1929, in Elmhurst, Illinois, a son of the late George F. and Esther (Henry) Berlette.

He was united in marriage to Patricia Burke in 1954. She subsequently preceded him in death in 1997. On October 9, 1999, in Laurie, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Norma Morrison. John entered the United States Air Force in 1952 and retired with the rank of Colonel in 1976. His military decorations included the; Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and National Defense Service Medal. He also sold real estate in the Lake area for fifteen years.

John was a member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie, the Air Force Association, the Order of Daedalions and the Missouri Realtors Association.

In addition to his wife, Norma, he is survived by his daughter, Leslie Kelly of Melbourne, Florida; son, Col Craig Berlette USAF (Ret) and wife Diana of Carlisle, Massachusetts; step-son, Craig Morrison of Gravois Mills and step-daughter, Valerie Galloway of Springfield, Missouri; grandchildren, Ashley, Megan, John II, step-grandchildren; Travis, Morgan, Alex and Zac. He's also

survived by sister, Jeyc Thompson of Virginia Beach, Virginia and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Leland Berlette.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, October 12th, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Pastor Kevin Hawks officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Entombment will be held at a later date in the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Service

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ John had the warmest smile and laughter that just made you happy to be sitting and swapping stories with him. We will miss that but will carry those memories in our hearts. Our warmest thoughts and prayers go out to Norma and all of the family.

- Jamie and Don Christie

Jamie Christie - October 15, 2015 at 11:10 PM

RL

“ Rita Lahti lit a candle in memory of Col John A. Berlette USAF (Ret)



rita lahti - October 13, 2015 at 10:27 PM

AD

“ Our sincerest condolences - there is no way to really be prepared for such a great loss. May you find comfort in all the great memories created with John and rest assured that he is now at peace.

Aisha and Ali DaCosta-Paul - October 13, 2015 at 06:47 AM

KR

“ Norma and family we will miss John. Especially Saturdays at R.T. A wonderful man and friend.. God bless. Rest in peace John 🎈🎈🎈

Kelly and Rick - October 12, 2015 at 01:01 PM

DP

“ Remembering only good times and memories now that you are at peace. We love you! Debi and Frank Palumbo



Debi & Frank Palumbo - October 10, 2015 at 12:01 PM

GD

“ Gary And Judy Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Col John A. Berlette USAF (Ret)



Gary and Judy Dunnaway - October 10, 2015 at 11:55 AM