



Rush W. Ledbetter

March 4, 1917 - February 9, 2010

Rush William Ledbetter was born on March 4, 1917 in Rolla, AR to the late William and Rosie (Eason) Ledbetter. Rush was united in marriage to Evelyn Ahlbom on May 1st, 1942 in Junction City, KS.

Rush spent 8 years in the U. S. army. He was a Staff Sergeant with the 188th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division during the battles for Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. On 30 August 1945 he was one of the 1,096 men to land with General MacArthur at Atsuki Airdrome near Tokyo. The 188th was the initial occupation force on the Japanese mainland.

Decorations included Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with Battle Stars, American Defense Medal, and American Theater Medal. After his honorable discharge in 1945 he enlisted in the MN National Guard, retiring in 1976 as a First Sergeant. Rush worked for 27 years in the signal shop at Camp Ripley. He was a former Commander of VFW Post 1112 and was a lifetime member of both the VFW and American Legion.

Rush was an avid hunter and fisherman and was able to partake in those activities for many years as a retiree. He was well known in the neighborhood for his beautiful gardens and his green thumb. He also took great pride and enjoyment in his large family and many friends. Rush was always ready and willing to help anyone without a thought or expectation of anything in return.

He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

Rush is survived by Evelyn, his loving wife of 67 years, nine children, David

(Josie), Richard (Michelle), John (Susan), George (Char), Marlene Cowdery (Brian), Charlie (Dianne), Tom (Linda), Judy Stanley (Robert), and Dan, Daughter in Law Pam Ledbetter, 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by brothers Leonard (Joan), Jimmy (Betty), sisters Opal Davis and Thelma Jacobson, half brother Milton, and half sisters Margie, Hazel, Ruth, Shirley, and Mary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Ledbetter and Rosie Lee Eason, his stepmother Katie, sisters Floya and Mabel, half sister Faye, his son, Bob Ledbetter, and his granddaughter Tiffany Cowdery.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rush W. Ledbetter



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Rush W. Ledbetter

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Rush was a wonderful brother and I will miss him very much.##imported-begin##Mary (Ledbetter) Morgan##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 01:54 PM



“ I Love You; Ms. Judy Love Michael##imported-begin##Michael ,Johnette Green##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 08:16 PM



“ Beautiful tribute...we all loved Judy's parents and seeing them when they came through on the way to their winter place.

Rush had a wonderful life and gave life to a great family. He will be missed.

With Love and Respect,
Tommy Linda Blake Jean and Jolene##imported-begin##Dr. J
Thomas Jumper and staff##imported-end##

February 18, 2010 at 12:43 PM



“ I have been a part of the Ledbetter family for almost 30 years and Rush was the most awesome and wonderful dad-in-law a girl could ever have wanted....dad we miss you!##imported-begin##Dianne Ledbetter##imported-end##

February 17, 2010 at 05:14 PM



“ We have so many good memories of those stops in Arkansas on the way to Florida and back home again. We miss those times. We are so glad to know that Rush lived such a fulfilling life and that he enjoyed life so much. He was an inspiration.

Opal and Debbie##imported-begin##Opal Davis & Debbie
Matlock##imported-end##

February 16, 2010 at 02:30 PM



“ I will greatly miss you uncle Rush. I always thought the world of you. RIP.##imported-begin##Cass Ledbetter##imported-end##

February 16, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ Our prayers are with you all, we all have great memories and lots of laughs we shared with Mr. Rush. God bless you,

Lisa and Tim

Brad Yount

Benton, AR.##imported-begin##Lisa Yount##imported-end##

February 14, 2010 at 12:26 PM



“ My husband & I want to wish Evelyn, Charlie, Tom and the rest of the family our sincerest sympathy. Rush was always such a nice, pleasant man. I always enjoyed talking with him.##imported-begin##Gladys Brixius(Pierz Chiropractic Center)##imported-end##

February 12, 2010 at 09:20 AM



“ we are thinking and praying for you all. love shirlee & terry##imported-begin##Shirlee and Terry Johnson##imported-end##

February 11, 2010 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Grandpa,
You'll be greatly missed. You were a wonderful man who lived a wonderful life and touched so many lives. You'll be forever in our hearts. Thank you for being such a Great Grandpa to us and a Great Great Grandpa to the others!!! We will miss you dearly....
Love You,
April##imported-begin##April Shaffer##imported-end##

February 10, 2010 at 09:12 PM