



Hartley Joseph Kehr Howard

January 5, 1933 - May 12, 2014

Hartley Joseph Kehr Howard, 81, of Ranger, passed away Monday, May 12, 2014.

Joe was born on January 5, 1933, in St. Petersburg, Florida to the late Chester Hartley Howard and Marion Kehr Howard.

After graduating from Florida State University, he served his country faithfully in the United States Military for more than 27 years. He retired as a Sergeant First Class from the US Army, where he received numerous decorations and medals for his honorable service. Joe was known for his deep knowledge and love of American history, specifically the Civil War era. He was a member of Roswell Street Baptist Church of Marietta for many years and a current member of Belmont Baptist Church. He loved his God, his family and his country.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Eunice Z. Howard, of Ranger; his son Joseph Hartley Howard of Marietta; his daughter, Julia H. Graves and her husband Tom of Ranger; and four grandchildren, JoAnn Graves, John Graves, Janey Graves of Ranger, and Conner Brown of Kennesaw. He is also survived by his sister, Sharon Howard Stuart of Albuquerque, NM; and a nephew, Nick Schiess of Florida.

A small ceremony with family and friends was conducted on Monday, May 19,

at 12pm at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, with Chaplain Knox Herndon officiating. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Children's Ministry at Belmont Baptist Church or to the Senior Men's Ministry, and Roswell Street Baptist Church. Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I only knew him from coming in the shop and I really liked the conversations we would have. He was very straight forward and didnt seem like he would put up with too much. I remember one day 7 or 8 years ago he come by to see Joe and he wasnt here and I had I think 3 guys running late and we were busy. He asked if we were busy and I said yes sir and all i need now is some drivers to show up and he said sound like you got some guys who dont appreciate a job I'd fire them. I said that would be great and I asked if he would do it and he replied I don't think Joe would take to kind of him butting in. I jokingly told him to butt away.

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