



Joel David Luttrell

January 17, 1921 - November 8, 2017

Joel David Luttrell, 96, passed away at 3:00 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital on November 8, 2017. Joel was born on January 17, 1921 in Middleton, Tennessee: the son of Clarence and Clara Effie (Jackson) Luttrell. He is survived by his wife Geraldine Edith Fletcher, whom he married on August 15, 1944 in Havana, Illinois. Also surviving Joel is his daughter Christine (Neil) Anderson of Chattanooga, TN; one granddaughter, Teresa VanTassel of Ladysmith, South Africa; Tim and Linda Pazara and other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and two sisters.

Joel served in the military (Army) for 26 years and continued to serve in civil-service for 15 more years, working in the field of medical maintenance. Master Sergeant Luttrell served in many and varied assignments. His service included duties as Platoon Sergeant, Replacement Training Center, Fort Lee, Virginia; Training NCO, US Army Hospital, Paris, France; First Sergeant, Labor Battalion, Paris, France; Operations Sergeant, Amburg, Germany; Medical Maintenance Repairman, Fort Carson, Colorado; Puerto Rico; Medical Depot, Japan; Fort Meade, Maryland; Vietnam and Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Master Sergeant Luttrell served five overseas tours: from October 1944-December 1945 in England and France, August 1946-April 1947 in Germany, February 1949-February 1952 in Puerto Rico, August 1956-August 1959 in Japan, and February 1962-February 1963 in Vietnam. The military career of

Master Sergeant Luttrell reflects a long and faithful service to his country. A memorial service for Mr. Luttrell will be held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Joel's name to your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joel David Luttrell



Hurley Funeral Home - November 13, 2017 at 11:23 AM

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“ Thank you for such a wonderful tribute to my uncle. We all called him J.D. in my family. I hardly ever saw him, or Geraldine, as it seems they were always on the move somewhere. As a result, I never met my cousin Christie, but did see pictures of her when I was growing up. It was a treat to see her in this tribute, as well as photos of Gerry and J.D. that I have never seen before. I loved Gerry and thought she was just fantastic. I always felt a bit deprived I did not get to see more of them both in my life. I still remember J.D, when he stopped to see us in California when he returned from Vietnam, and I was just a tike. I was so excited. I was the one behind the camera taking the family photos here of J.D. and all his living siblings. It was outside his mother's house on the family farm where he was raised near Middleton, TN. I was a teenager then and we all got together to celebrate Effie's 80th birthday. My dad said I should take a family picture of everybody, since it would probably be the last time J.D. and all his siblings were all together in one place. I still have these same pictures. J.D. is on the left, his half brother Barton Smalley is next to him, then his youngest sister Clarice, my father William and his oldest sister Ruby. Only James, J.D.s oldest brother is missing as he was killed in 1950. I still remember vividly going to see Uncle J.D. and Aunt Gerry at their house up in Springfield, TN about 1980. It always struck me how much he looked like my dad (and now me in my older years). That was the last time I saw either J.D. or Gerry. I love them and miss them both. God bless them and may they rest in peace.

Your nephew,
Richard K. Luttrell (son of William R. Luttrell)

Richard K. Luttrell - April 29, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ Joel David Luttrell

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM

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“ *To my Uncle Joe:*

It was an honor and a privilege to have known you for over 70 years. Thank you for your dedicated service to our country and for always being the devoted husband of our beloved Aunt Geraldine and father of our dear cousin Christie. I will always cherish the times we spent together, wishing that there could have been more. Your job on this earth is now concluded, and you have earned a just reward in Heaven resting in eternal peace. I will remember you the rest of my life with a smile in my heart. May God bless you and keep you.

*Your Nephew,
David Fletcher*

David Fletcher - November 13, 2017 at 04:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joel David Luttrell.*



November 11, 2017 at 03:56 PM

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“ We so enjoyed Joe’s stories. The last time we visited he told the story about how he and Gerry met. His memory of that moment was so sweet and clear - you would have thought he had met her the day before. It was obvious that she was the love of his life and he hers. With fond memories of an honorable and loving man, farewell Uncle Joe. Until we meet again, Dennis and Cathie Fletcher



Dennis and Cathie Fletcher - November 10, 2017 at 01:40 PM