



## Buddy Chester Lackey

July 26, 1928 - December 9, 2022

Buddy Chester Lackey of St. James, Missouri passed away Friday, December 9, 2022 at the Missouri Veterans Home at the age of 94. Buddy was born in Linn, Alabama on July 26, 1928 to the late Judy Moore.

Buddy proudly served his Country in the United State Army from 1950- 1952 with the F511 Airborne Infantry Regiment where he was a Paratrooper. After returning home from the service he went to work in the Automotive Manufacturing industry. Buddy was united in marriage to Evelyn Deaton, this union was blessed with two sons.

Buddy loved to travel and would just get in his car and go. An avid outdoorsman, Buddy always gave back to the land that had given him so much, he planted thousands of pine trees, sometimes selling them at Christmas, and giving just as many to the folks that needed a tree for their children, always replenishing them by planting more. He enjoyed his flowers gardens, walking in the woods, reading, and spending time with his family. He was a very generous man, always giving what he could especially to orphans' groups, St. Jude Children's Hospital, police and fire groups, and anything having to do with animals.

Buddy is survived by his boys, Thomas Lackey, of St. James, MO, and Charles Lackey, of Rolla, MO; two granddaughters, two grandsons, and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to his mother Judy Lackey, he was preceded

in death by 5 brothers, and two sisters.

A Memorial Service with full Military Honors for Buddy Lackey will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 16, 2022 at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Capel on Friday prior to the service from 12:00 PM until service time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Buddy Chester Lackey*

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I will remember Buddy as a kind, gentle man. We both have Alabama roots and so we talked about Alabama. I remember him telling me about working in a fireworks plant, and if I am not mistaken, his job was putting the fuses in. He was a man of faith. He and I studied the Bible together several times. He had been a member of the church of Christ in St. James. After he began living in the Missouri Veterans Home, he would attend the services we conducted at the Veterans Home. We extend our sincere sympathies to his sons and the rest of the family. We have you in our prayers. E. Lynn Huggins*

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**Eric Huggins** - December 12, 2022 at 04:48 PM