



Horace Jeffery

May 26, 1926 - November 18, 2024

Horace Jeffery, age 98, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2024, in Rolla, Missouri.

He was born on May 26, 1926 in Mt. Olive, Arkansas, and he was the third of eight children born to Forrest and Jessamine Jeffery.

In 1943, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy. After recruit training in San Diego, he was assigned as a motor machinist's mate on LST-293, an amphibious landing ship. In 1944, LST-293 deployed to the European Theatre. On June 6, 1944, LST-293 participated in the D-Day landings and disembarked British troops at Gold Beach. After the invasion, LST-293 ferried troops, supplies, and prisoners back and forth across the English Channel. In March 1946, he was discharged from the Navy.

In March 1947, he married his wife, Juanita Jeffery, and they remained together until her death in 2015.

In January 1948, he enrolled at Arkansas College, Batesville, Arkansas, from which he graduated in 1952 with a degree in chemistry. Later, he started his career with the U.S. Geological Survey. He was assigned as a hydrologist at the USGS office in Fayetteville, Arkansas. In 1962, he transferred to Little Rock, Arkansas, and in 1967 transferred to Rolla, Missouri. During his career,

he authored and assisted in the preparation of numerous technical articles and publications concerning groundwater resources throughout the Ozarks. In June 1986, he retired from the USGS serving as assistant district chief for the Mid-Continent Region.

He was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church, Rolla, Missouri, where he served in several roles over the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Forrest, Robert, and Howard, and two sisters, Helen Wilson and Mildred Jeffries.

He is survived by two sons, Stephen (Kelly) Jeffery, of Wildwood, Missouri, and Paul Jeffery, of Columbia, Missouri. He has four grandchildren, Sam, James, Claire, and Sarah, as well as seven great-granddaughters and one great grandson.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Rolla, MO 65401
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Burial

DEC 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church
Mount Olive, AR

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at the Mount Olive Presbyterian Church in Mount Olive, AR with visitation from 12-1 PM and service following at 1 PM. Burial with full military honors will be at the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jeff! I miss you so much, my birthday twin friend! My all-time favorite patient at Presbyterian Manor! Rest in peace our little Valentine's Day king. Love and prayers to the family during this difficult time. He sure will be missed!*

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