



Charles Douglas Ricks

September 20, 1930 - August 14, 2009

Douglas Ricks, 78, of Greenbrier died Friday, August 14 at Skyline Alive Hospice.

Funeral services with Dr. Fred Baldwin officiating will be held Tuesday, August 18 at 12 Noon at Austin and Bell Greenbrier Chapel. Visitation will be Monday from two until eight o'clock and Tuesday ten until service time. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Goodlettsville. Full military rites will be conducted at graveside.

Pallbearers will be Jim Markham, Tommy Haley, Troy Bell, Stephen Haley, Joe Richard Williams, Bobby Byrd, Dwayne Adcock and Kevin Eidson. Honorary pallbearers will be "the boys" of Barry Chisms' Sunday School Class.

Mr. Ricks was retired as a Technical Sergeant from the US Air Force in 1974 with 24 years active service. His guard unit was activated in 1950 during the Korean War. Besides various state side assignments, he served in Japan, Alaska, Philippines and Vietnam. He served in Key West during the Cuban Crisis. His honors include 2 Republic of Vietnam Combat Medals, Vietnam Service Ribbon, National Defense Medal, 3 Air Force Good Conduct Medals, 3 Air Force Commendation Medals, 5 Air Force Longevity Medals, and 2 Outstanding Unit Awards.

He also retired from the State of Tennessee Corrections Department with 19 years service.

He was an active member of Robertson County Sheriff Reserve for 10 years.

Mr. Ricks was born September 20, 1930 in Savannah, GA to the late Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ricks. He was educated in Savannah schools, graduating in 1950 from Marlow High School. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother William F. Ricks, Jr. and his sister, Jane Rouse.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years Ruth Birdwell Ricks, daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Jim Markham, Greenbrier, granddaughter, Jennifer Markham, Allen, TX, nephews Wally and Michael Rouse, Savannah, GA, and nieces Wanda Mercer, Metter, GA, Donna Mobley, Ellabell GA, and Linda Harrington, Pembroke, GA.

He was a devoted Christian and a member of Greenbrier First Baptist Church. He was an avid story teller and loved to recount stories of his military days and his work at the Correction Department.

Enduring memorials may be made to Alive Hospice, Skyline Madison Inpatient Unit, 500

Hospital Drive, 2nd Floor, Madison, TN 37115.

Greenbrier Chapel, 615-643-4000

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Aunt Ruth, your and the family are in my prayers. I love you, Linda

Linda R Harrington - September 02, 2009 at 03:10 PM

JD

“ Ruth and Cheryl, We are so sorry to hear of Doug's death. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Johnnie and Wallace Davis

johnnie davis - August 18, 2009 at 04:51 PM

KA

“ Cheryl, Hal and I are so sorry for your loss. I see that your dad loved the Lord and I can't wait to meet him in heaven! Won't that be a wonderful day. Our prayers are with your mother, you and your family. Much love, Karen Abbott

Karen Abbott - August 17, 2009 at 10:13 AM

FG

“ Hi Ruth,
We were so sorry to hear about Doug. You and Cheryl and in our prayers. We love you.
Frank and Sandi

Frank & Sandi Ginac - August 17, 2009 at 10:03 AM

MP

“ Ruth and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Daren, Monica and Emily Palmer

Monica Palmer - August 16, 2009 at 11:14 PM

LW

“ We have been praying for you these past months. We are praying for you and the family at this most difficult time. We will continue to pray and are thankful that the Lord will surround you with His Peace and His comfort as you journey through this season together.
Love Yall, Tony, Lisa, Katie, Matt & Rachel Warren

Lisa Warren - August 16, 2009 at 10:51 PM

BS

“ Dear Mrs. Ricks My grandmother's(Lucy Maddox)property and the Rick's property in Bloomingdale joined each others and though Douglas was ten years my elder he was my idol so I was told. Please accept my condolences... Billy Strozier

Billy Strozier - August 16, 2009 at 05:52 PM