



Jack Vance "Sam" Gregory

February 7, 1924 - April 2, 2016

Jack Vance "Sam" Gregory, age 92, of Caryville, formerly of Lenoir City, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2016. He was a 32nd Degree Master Mason with the Sweetwater Masonic Lodge. A veteran of the U.S. Army having served during World War II, he was a Normandy survivor, a recipient of 4 battle stars. An avid member of the Smokey Mountain Hiking Club, and he loved square dancing. Retired from the Lenoir City Utilities Board after many years of service. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Preceded in death by his parents: Lester and Zella Gregory, sisters: Eleanor Pearson, Louise Rogers, Mattie Kathryn Burnette, brother: David Gregory. Survivors include the mother of his children: Joyce Gray Gregory, of Louisville, KY., daughters and son-in-law: Janice and Jerry Vaughan, Caryville, TN., Jill Gregory Waits, of Louisville, KY., Grandchildren: Halley Marie Seely, of Louisville, KY., Catherine and spouse Jack Allen, of Lexington, KY., Madelyn Claire Waits, of Louisville, KY., great-granddaughter: Lila Gray Allen, of Lexington, KY., sisters: Gladys Turner, of Atlanta, GA., Edrys Ashman, of Hickory, NC., Claudia Emert, of Maryville, TN., brother: Raymond Gregory, of Maryville, TN., several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, from 1:00P.M. until 3:00P.M. with a graveside service to follow in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with full military honors to be provided by members of the Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post # 5156 and members of the Monroe County Disabled American Veterans Chapter # 93, and members of the Sweetwater American

Legions Post # 106 with Rev. David Largen officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Smokey Mountain Hiking Club, P.O. Box 51592, Knoxville, TN 37950. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Vance "Sam" Gregory*



Kyker Funeral Home - April 06, 2016 at 11:06 AM

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“ *June 28, 2016*

I am so sorry, I didn't know about this until yesterday. When I joined Smoky Mountains Hiking Club in 2002, one of the first people I met was Sam. I had never been to Mt Cammerer, a very strenuous hike, he volunteered to take me there. That began a great friendship that led to many adventures that included risk, getting lost and crossing through waist high streams. We laughed about how our hikes usually turned into adventures! When he moved from Lenoir City, we eventually lost contact, but I never forgot him and never will. R.I.P Sam Gregory.



Doris Dennis - June 28, 2016 at 07:17 AM

JW

Thank you so much. For some reason I'm just now pulling this up. I hope you are well during time. Daddy spoke often of you and I appreciate your kinds words.

jill waits - April 27, 2020 at 07:59 AM

RJ

“ My wife and I with a group of friends met Sam as we were coming out of White Oak Sinks in the Smokies in 2008 I believe. He was sitting at a picnic table or chair right at the park boundary. We introduced ourselves to Sam and Sam to us. One of our friends said to him "Who are you waiting on?" Sam with a big smile and without even a moment's hesitation said "Why I was waiting for you!". We knew at that moment that we'd all met a very special person and none of us has ever forgotten that beautiful moment with Sam. We are all saddened at his passing, but know that he lived a full and meaningful life. God bless all your family in your time of mourning.
Rick and Carol Jones - Knoxville, TN.

Rick Jones - April 04, 2016 at 02:15 PM

JW

I'm just now seeing these things. I haven't looked at the obituary because I miss him so. This is his youngest daughter Jill btw! Thank you for these kind words they really mean so much. Hope you and yours are well during this time.

jill waits - April 27, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jack Vance "Sam" Gregory.



April 03, 2016 at 11:14 PM