



## Phil Goedeke

March 19, 2007

Phil Goedeke age 83 of Harriman, formerly of Booton, NJ passed away March 19, 2007 at Roane Medical Center. He attended Trenton Street Baptist Church. He was a member 11th Airborne Division during WWII and was a Silver Star recipient in the Philippines. He was a member of Southgate Masonic Lodge #569, Past Worthy Patron of Laurel Chapter #22 Order of the Eastern Star, he participated as a clown, van driver to the hospital, and in the Hillbilly Corp at the Kerbela Shrine. He was a loving father and grandfather. Preceded in death by wife Martha Goedeke, brothers Marcel, Richard, Edgar and Alfred Goedeke. Survivors include: Sons Dan Goedeke and wife Joan of Kingston; Chuck Goedeke and wife Hildie of Harriman; Daughter Barbara Hardin of Estill Springs, TN; Sister in laws Joyce and Mary Goedeke of New Jersey; Grandchildren Dr. Shawn Goedeke; Eric Goedeke and wife Vicki; Chuck Goedeke; Chris Goedeke and wife Melissa; Scott Goedeke; Michele and Tommy Faris 4 Great Grandchildren Several Nieces and Nephews Funeral 8pm Thursday March 22, 2007 in the Kyker Chapel with Rev. Mark McCoig, Rev. David Craig, and Jon Bell Officiating followed by an Eastern Star memorial service and a Masonic Memorial Service. Burial 11am Friday March 23, 2007 in Oak Grove Cemetery with Military Honors. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8pm Thursday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Phil Goedeke was my father and an extraordinary man. I went with him to his 11th Airborne reunion and how extraordinary man he was. Whenever he was asked by us what he did that he received a silver Star. His standard reply was that he he was in the wrong place at the right time. At I met a good buddy of his from the war. I had a chance to talk to him about it and he told m. My father operated a big gun that took sleeves of bullets. He had just got back when his buddy 's patrol was going on their patrol since he did have it and ammo. They encountered a company of Japanese, not a patrol. His buddy was wounded and he carried him out on his back while fingering his gun while getting his buddy on his back to safety. The next patrol came back, astonished at the number of Japanese he killed. They were upset that it was a Silver Star and not a Medal of Honor. My father had a different outlook on it. He said "I did it for my buddies, not a metal.".He lost a finger and damage to other fingers as a result.*

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**Barbara Goedeke Hardin** - March 17, 2024 at 01:03 AM