



Brye James Radebaugh

June 28, 1921 - January 19, 2018

Brye James Radebaugh, age 96 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 6:36 A.M., Friday, January 19, 2018 at Mattoon Health Care Center in Mattoon, IL. Private family graveside services will be held at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Born in Danville, IL, on June 28, 1921, Brye was the son of Orville and Olive (Littler) Radebaugh. He married Billie Lou Baggett on July 1, 1944 in Little Rock, AR. They were married seventy-one years before her death on April 30, 2016.

He is survived by his two children, James Brewster Radebaugh and his wife Sondra of Galena, OH, and Malinda Ann Sawyer and her husband Thomas of Mattoon, IL; seven grandchildren, Jason Sawyer, Justin Sawyer, Erin Radebaugh, Eden Radebaugh, Jamie Devoe, Caroline Hilty and Andrew Cronin; he is also survived by nine great-grandchildren.

Commissioned into the Airforce at Harvard University, Brye was a Veteran of WWII serving four years in the Pacific Theater in the 20th and 13th United States Airforces, stationed primarily on Iwo Jima and in the Philippines. He spent forty years in the wholesaling and manufacturing of plumbing, heating and cooling equipment. Brye was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Mattoon, IL, a member of the Rotary Club of Mattoon, IL receiving multiple Paul Harris awards, a life member of the University of Arkansas Alumni Association, a life member of the United States Airforce Reserve, a

member of the Mattoon Golf and Country Club, a member of the American Legion in Mattoon, IL and a member of KAPPA ALPHA Fraternity.

Aside from spending time with his family, Brye enjoyed nothing more than traveling with his wife. He and Billie visited all 50 states, over 100 countries, and all 7 continents.

The family suggests and would greatly appreciate if those wishing to make memorial contributions in his honor would choose the First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Ave., Mattoon, IL 61938, or the YMCA, 221 N. 16th St., Mattoon, IL 61938 for maintenance of the walking track.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a candle in his memory or share a memory.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ *Brye James Radebaugh*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Cindy Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Brye James Radebaugh*



Cindy Hamilton - January 30, 2018 at 09:37 PM



Although I only knew Brye for the last couple of years...how lucky I was to have had the opportunity to get to know such a remarkable, inspiring, and truly caring individual. I chose a blue candle to represent the blue sky and fresh air that Brye shared with me is the secret to a long, healthy life...fresh air...I will always think of Brye when I open my windows and take a deep breath of the fresh air. Rest in peace my friend.

Cindy Hamilton - January 30, 2018 at 09:44 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Brye's passing. I remember visiting with Brye and Billie as a child with my Dad and Mom, Jim (Bud) Payne and Julie Payne. I also remember seeing Orville and Olive on our trips from Calif. Dad (Bud) and Brye were friends all their lives. We, as kids use to play together if you remember. Jennie (Dad's second wife) after Julie's passing thanks you for your call. She is now 99 years old. Know that we all have many fond memories of both your Mom and Dad.

*Jeanine Payne Speckman
Santa Cruz, Ca*

Jeanine Speckman - January 25, 2018 at 03:28 PM

DH

“ So many wonderful memories of fun times traveling with Billie & Brye. They were always there with a hug when I needed it most. I'll never forget them, Donica



Donica Halcom - January 23, 2018 at 04:22 PM