



## Carl L. Galey

March 11, 1930 - May 20, 2015

Mattoon, IL-Carl L. Galey, age 85, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. The funeral service in his honor will begin at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, with Reverend Richard Coen officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Wednesday at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. until the service begins.

Born March 11, 1930, in Mattoon, IL, Carl was the son of Leonard 'Chick' and Leona (Knollenberg) Galey. He married Mary Kay Ellis on March 27, 1951. She passed away in June 2009. Survivors include their children, Carla K. Leming and husband David of Mattoon, IL, Jeff J. Kaley and wife Robin of Trussville, AL, and Lori L. Kull of Mattoon, IL; and four grandchildren, Cody Andrew Rich, Dustin Tyler Kull, Alexander Ross Kull, and Gil Chick Galey. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Geraldine Creek.

Mr. Galey served our country with the United States Navy as a radar operator during the Korean Conflict. Before retiring in 1985, he served 28 years on the Mattoon Fire Department achieving the rank of Captain.

A man of many talents, Carl authored two books, 'The Dogs of Kaloon' and its sequel, 'The Return to Kaloon,' and was known for his mural art, sign painting, and pin-stripping. He formerly owned Applause Recording Studio and composed music, some of which was taken to Nashville. He was a close friend with Charlie Daniels, for whom he hand painted the fiddle that was used in the song 'The Devil Went

Down to Georgia,' was pen pals with actor Ed Asner, and friends with actress Karen Gorney. He was a member of the Country Music Association and attended the CMA awards for many years. \r\n\r\nCarl enjoyed golf, so much so that he designed and built the Rogala Golf Course which opened for its first tee-off time in June of 1971. He was also a dedicated member of the Retired Fireman's Poker Club. \r\n\r\nPlease visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.\r\n

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