



J. T. Tucker

June 9, 1923 - February 18, 2019

J.T. Tucker of Wynne passed away at his home on Monday, February 18, 2019.

J.T. was born in New Albany, MS on June 9, 1923, the son of James Thomas and Corrie Gement Tucker and is preceded by death by them and his two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Tucker McMillen and Mrs. Beulah Tucker Ball. J.T. graduated from Wynne High School in 1943. By now, World War II was in full motion and J.T. joined the war effort by enlisting in U.S. Army. He was assigned as an infantryman with I Company, 275th Infantry Regiment of the 70th Infantry Division, "The Trailblazers." Because of his outstanding combat leadership during the Battle of the Bulge, J.T. was awarded a battlefield commission. After the war he returned to Fair Oaks only to rejoin the Army again in 1947. J.T. saw action in the Korean War and again in Vietnam. He retired from the Army in 1969 at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. During that time he served in duty stations around the world. In 1950 when the Korean War erupted he was off to combat again. A little more than a decade later J. T. was called upon again to serve his country in Southeast Asia in the Vietnam War.

In 1969 nearly 30 years service in the U. S. Army. Mr. Tucker retired in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1976 he and his family moved back to Wynne, where he

owned Tucker Gulf Station and after that Tucker Furniture. In 1997 he sold the furniture and retired.

Because of his time in the military he had a profound love and was very passionate about being with veterans from all service branches. J.T. was a member of the Cross County Veterans Association and was instrumental in having the Veterans Memorial erected at the Cross County Courthouse and the Veteran's Cemetery at Birdeye. He was a long time member of Wynne Baptist Church.

J.T. is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sandra Best Tucker, and his children Tim Tucker of Little Rock, AR, Bobby Tucker (Lisa) of Freeport, FL, Steve Tucker of Washington, D.C., Eddie Tucker, and Janet Tucker from Wynne, and three grandchildren, Amy Tucker, Corrie Tucker, and Tim Tucker, Jr.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Kernodle Funeral Home from 1 to 2 PM. A funeral service will follow with Rev. Robert Tucker and Kirk Owens officiating. Burial will be in Cogbill Cemetery with full military honors.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home
315-325 E. Union Avenue
Wynne, AR
(870) 238-2323

Funeral service

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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315-325 E. Union Avenue
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<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

Interment

FEB 20 (CT)

Cogbill Cemetery
Wynne, AR

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Tucker family,

It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of Mr. J .T. this past March 2nd from Gerald French. I had the honor of visiting Mr. and Mrs. J.T. and family members in March of 2018.

*William S. "Bill" and Kathryn
Tucker of Benton, Arkansas*

Bill Tucker - March 04, 2019 at 07:57 PM

GS

“ Dear Tucker Family, I wanted to extend our family's condolences on Mr J. T.'s passing. My dad got to know him through the Gulf Station and they shared a bond having both serviced in combat in the military. I know my parents always thought very highly of him and I enjoyed getting to know him as well as many of you. Grace and peace to you all from the Spence family.

*Greg & Alisa Spence
and family.*

Greg Spence - February 27, 2019 at 12:32 AM

RH

“ *The whole family has been in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. John & Rhonda Phillips*

Rhonda - February 25, 2019 at 11:46 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you as you learn to adjust to life without your "love;,
claude and jeannine brawner

jeannine brawner - February 20, 2019 at 09:26 AM

GV

“ Tucker Family:
We thank Mr. Tucker for his service to our great country. May God Bless the family.
George Vance

George Vance - February 19, 2019 at 05:17 PM

AP

“ Ann Chrisco Person lit a candle in memory of
J. T. Tucker



Ann Chrisco Person - February 19, 2019 at 05:11 PM

EB

“ Eldridge Brawner lit a candle in memory of J.
T. Tucker



Eldridge Brawner - February 19, 2019 at 02:25 PM

WC

Wonderful warrior and person. RIP Sergeant Major. You will not be forgotten. 🇺🇸 🕊️

Walt Cullum - February 19, 2019 at 04:39 PM

WC

RIP Sergeant Major. A real warrior and patriot. 🇺🇸

Walt Cullum - February 19, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of J. T. Tucker.*



February 19, 2019 at 12:25 AM