



Joseph O. Youngblood

November 21, 2006

Joseph O. Youngblood, 85, of Butler, died at 1:55PM on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at Butler Memorial Hospital.

He was born Friday, September 2, 1921 in Butler, the son of the late Joseph W. Youngblood and the late Hallie E. Knox Youngblood.

He was a member of the St. John's Reformed Church. He was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army having served in WWII mostly in the Philippines. He was an Army Ranger in the 6th Battalion Alamo Division. He rescued POW's from the death march of Bataan. He received a bronze metal for his heroism which was depicted in the movie The Great Raid. He was also interviewed on the History Channel. He was a member of the Masons, former PER of the Elks #170 Butler, American Legion Post 117 and the VFW.

He had worked as a Turn Foreman at Armco Melt Shop before retiring after 35 years.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Mrs. Robert (Hallie) Youngblood Kemery of Burlison, TN and Mrs. Bill (Marti) Youngblood McCandless of Butler; a son, Joseph Warren Youngblood of Tacoma, WA; 10 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 3 step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn J. Fink Youngblood who died April 8, 1998, a grandchild, 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Friends will be received from 2-4 and 7-9, Friday, November 24 at the Young Funeral Home, Ltd., Butler. Services will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, November 25, 2006 at 11AM with his pastor, Rev. Robert Peterson officiating.

The following services will take place on Friday at the funeral home: Masonic services at 6:45PM. Elks Lodge #170 services at 8PM.

Interment will follow in the Butler County Memorial Park with military honors by the Moniteau Ceremonial Squad.

Tribute Wall



“ *From the Family of Joseph H. Youngblood and children Debbie & Larry of Ellwood City.
You have our Sympathy.##imported-begin##Youngblood
Family##imported-end##*

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“ *My sincere condolences to family and friends.*

The Ranger community has lost one of its great warriors. Rest in peace Ranger. Mission accomplished you may rest easy sir.

Chris Parnos

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“ *The world owes this man and others like him a debt that can never be repaid. My respect for him knows no bounds. My prayers to his family. What an honor to have known of him. Thank you.##imported-begin##Donna##imported-end##*

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“ My sincerest condolences to you and yours. May this great warrior and American find rest and peace now as he moves on to be with his brothers in arms. We the latter generation of Rangers salute him and greatly thank him for his service. Again my sincerest regrets for your loss.##imported-begin##Ranger G. Gidumal##imported-end##

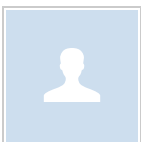
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“ As a former Ranger and Army veteran your family has my deepest sympathies after I learned of Ranger Youngblood's passing. It is with great honor and pride that Ranger Youngblood's commitment to duty, Ranger unit and the Country in which he served, paved the way for men like myself to one day desire to become a U.S. Army Ranger. May God Bless his soul and the entire family and friends that he has left behind. His sacrifice and duty to his Country will never be forgotten.

Rangers Lead the Way!!!##imported-begin##Ranger Beadle##imported-end##

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“ Rest in peace##imported-begin##A lover of freedom##imported-end##

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“ I would just like to take a moment to extend my sincerest condolences to the Youngblood for the loss of Ranger Youngblood. In life as in death, Ranger Youngblood is an undying source of inspiration to a generation of younger Americans, such as yours truly. Men like Ranger Youngblood are America's greatest natural resource.

May Ranger Youngblood rest in peace, and may the L-rd be with you during your time of need.

Justin##imported-begin##Justin J##imported-end##

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“ Sending my thoughts to the family, another hero has passed on. What we do in life, will be remembered for eternity. Rangers lead the way.##imported-begin##Sgt Bruce Dale##imported-end##

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