



Major James L. Wheatley Ret.

April 1, 1931 - April 16, 2017

Major James L. Wheatley, Ret., age 86, born in Jemison, AL and a long-time resident of Pennsville, NJ, passed away on Sunday, April 16th, 2017.

During his lengthy career in the US Army, Major Wheatley proudly served our country in both the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts, earning a multitude of honors including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Purple Heart. While serving, he earned his BA from University of Nebraska, Omaha. After retiring from military service, he shared his many talents in positions in NJ Travel & Tourism, Salem County Community Dev., PV Twp. Streets Dept. and Sewerage Authority. Also extremely active in local politics, he tirelessly served an endless number of positions in the Democrat Party. His many interests included bowling, golf, woodworking, camping, extensive travel, dining out, and a good joke with a cold glass of White Zin. He was well known by family and friends for his quick wit and charming humor.

He was predeceased by his parents, Leona and Bruce Wheatley, his brothers, Charles and Billie Joe Wheatley, and his sister, Patricia Wheatley Force. The most special times in his life were with family. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Rose Cottrell Wheatley, and his treasured pet, Sir Louie. Also surviving him are his son, James Wheatley (Cheryl), daughters Pamela Wheatley (Keith Arnold), Cheryl Abernathy (Earl), and LoriAnn Clark (Kenneth). His love and life-lessons have guided his nine grandchildren including April Hendrickson (John), Travis Wheatley (Jennifer), Steven Bennett (Amanda), Daniel Bennett (Lisa), Christie Goss (Charlie), Robert Abernathy (Brittany), Jyllian Clark, Eric Abernathy, Alyssa Clark, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter.

Relatives and friends are invited to visitation at 11 am, with services to honor Jim's life at 12 pm at Ashcraft Funeral Home, 740 S. Broadway, Pennsville, NJ. Interment will be immediately thereafter at Salem County Veteran's Cemetery in Pilesgrove, NJ. Donations can be made in his name to the American Lung Association.

Cemetery Details

Salem County Veterans Cemetery

719 NJ-45
Pilesgrove, NJ 08069

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Home (PV)
740 S. Broadway
Pennsville, NJ 08070
(856) 299-3366
ashcraftfuneralhomes@gmail.com

Funeral Service

APR 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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