

Franklin D. Mackey

1934 - 2014



Franklin D. Mackey, 79, of Independence, Mo., passed away Friday, July 18, 2014, from medical complications. Franklin was surrounded by his family when he went to be with his Heavenly Father.

Franklin was born on August 23, 1934, in Rome, Mo., the son of John Durward and Ruby (Sturman) Mackey. He was the third child of seven. Franklin received his formative education in Douglas County, Mo., schools, attending elementary school at Lone Star near Rome, Ava grade school, Walnut Grove grade school near Smallett, Mo., and graduated from Ava High School in 1953. He attended Central Business College and was employed by the A. E. Robison Irrigation Company in Kansas City, Mo. Franklin was drafted during the [Korean War](#) and proudly served his country in various locations in Germany and Fort Riley, Kan. He was subsequently employed with the Gas Service Company in Independence, Mo., where he spent several years in supervision of residential and commercial operations, retiring in 1993 as Superintendent of Installations and Services for Commercial and Industrial Operations. He was subsequently self-employed in heating and air conditioning service and installation work for numerous individuals and small firms.

During his employment with the A. E. Robison Irrigation Co., he met and later married Louise Elizabeth Cooley on Dec. 4, 1955, who was born and raised in Atchison, Kan. To this union four children were born: Gregory Allen Mackey (deceased Jan. 30, 2012, formerly of Branson, Mo.); Douglas Franklin Mackey (wife MarSue, and their children, Lucas James and Levi Taylor) of Lawrence, Kan.; Gretchen Louise (Mackey) Janes (husband Tony, and their children, Leah Roxie and Kyle Riley) of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Jonathan Michael Mackey (wife Tricia, and their children, Mason Lee and Landon Christopher) of Lee's Summit, Mo.

Franklin was saved and baptized, and together with Louise, served many years with the Free Methodist Church and camps. Franklin proudly served the Boy Scouts since 1968 with Pack 483 and Troop 347, and earned the Scouter's Award and the title of Honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scout Troop 347, in care of Tim Madsen, Treasurer, 3237 S. Gateway Drive, Independence, MO 64057.

Franklin was predeceased by his parents, John Durward and Ruby Mackey, three brothers: James Arthur

(infant), Ray Harlin Mackey Sr., formerly of Ava, Mo., and David Sturman Mackey, formerly of Fayetteville, Ark. Other survivors include two sisters and their husbands, Judith Ann (Mackey) Morisset and husband, Leroy Floyd Morisset, of Ozark, Mo., and Ruby Jane (Mackey) Burton and husband, Larry Leo Burton, of Ozark, Mo. One brother and his wife, Durward Nelson Mackey and wife, Joyce Elaine (Trost) Mackey, of Ozark, Mo. One sister-in-law, Judith Marie (Grimes) Mackey (widow of David Sturman Mackey) of Fayetteville, Ark; and one former sister-in-law, Lola Marguerite (Jarman) (Mackey) Lundy of Greenwood, Ark.

Services will be Wednesday, July 23, at the New Salem Funeral Home, 1823 N. Blue Mills Road, Independence, 816-796-8600. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m., with a Tribe of Mic-O-Say Memorial Service at 1:30 p.m. Services will be 2 p.m., conducted by the Rev. William McClendon and Rev. Steve Longley. Burial will be at a later date in the New Salem Cemetery.

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