



## George L. Eskridge, Jr.

December 23, 1930 - June 11, 2016

George Lee Eskridge, Jr. burst into this world on December 23, 1930 at the height of the Great Depression. George was the sixth of nine children born in the small hamlet of Blytheville, Arkansas to George L. Eskridge, Senior and Isadora Winston-Hervey Eskridge. Willie Lee, his older sister, described her brother who loved to tease her, as “rambunctious, mischievous, boyish, and full of rascality”. In 1940, George Eskridge, Senior, with the help of his older sons, Morris and Alphonso Hervey, moved the family southward into the delta area and settled in the small town of Dumas, Arkansas. George Senior and his sons made the family living as tenant farmers planting and harvesting various crops from corn to cotton. George’s mother died in 1941 after a long illness from a difficult childbirth. George spent many days behind a plow and a mule dreaming of a life other than the hard scrabble life of farming.

George was a faithful member and devoted deacon of Eleventh Street Baptist Church where he was the oldest father of the church. On December 11, 1952, George was drafted into the U.S. Army. George served with the Sixth Armored Division and completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. After basic training, George saw combat for eleven months during the Korean

War

and stated that he spent most of his time there “dodging mortar fire and attempting to stay warm”. He proclaimed Korea to be “the coldest place on earth”. George completed his tour in Korea and much to his chagrin was transferred to an Army engineering unit located in Anchorage, Alaska...which he

described as the “second coldest place on earth”. George was released from active duty on November 1954 with the rank of Private First Class but remained

in the Army Reserves until December 10, 1960 receiving an honorable discharge

and the National Defense Service Medal. George was given the nickname of “Chicken George” by his friends. George held various positions with the General

Motors Corvette Plant from which he retired after 28 years of service. George chose to remain active after retiring and worked for Lowes for 20 years where he

was recognized as employee of the month. George enjoyed cooking, going hunting,

spending quite hours fishing, and gardening. He was an avid Dodgers baseball

fan. When time allowed, George loved driving and seeing the country. In 1989 George received recognition for Mason of the Year for his outstanding and valued

service from St. James No. 28.

George transitioned from the physical to the spiritual world Saturday, June 11 at 4:41 p.m., still “Boyish and a Rascal” to the end.

George was preceded in death by his son; Melvin R. Eskridge (son of Juanita Young), James Miller, Jr, his brothers Morris Hervey, Alphonso Hervey, Willie

Lee Johnson, sisters; Katherine Eskridge Goens and Juanita Eskridge.

George leaves his wife of 32 years to cherish his memory; Patricia A. Eskridge.

George met the love of his life at a young age when both were active members of New Northside Baptist Church. When they met again years later, he asked her to marry him and she accepted and they were married March of 1984. Children; Erma Jean Perry (daughter of Alzor Harris), Hamburg, Arkansas, Bobby (Melody) Eskridge (son of Juanita Young), St. Louis, Missouri, Marvin (Veronica) Eskridge (son of Juanita Young), Marva Swait, Timothy Miller, Diane Clark, Mark (Penny) Miller Sr., all of St. Louis, Missouri, Brother, Fred (Amanda) Eskridge, St. Louis, Missouri, 22 Grandchildren, 37 Great Grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and special friend Willie "Bill Jr" Thompson.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road  
Saint Louis, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Eleventh Street Baptist Church  
1035 Kenton Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

## Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Eleventh Street Baptist Church  
1035 Kenton Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

## Visitation

JUN **28**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Austin Layne Renaissance Chapel  
7302 West Florissant Avenue  
St. Lous, MO 63136



# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.* ”



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**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - June 28, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Whitney Family lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.* ”



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**Whitney Family** - June 27, 2016 at 07:15 AM



“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.* ”



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**LIVELY-CLARK** - June 23, 2016 at 02:53 PM

EB

“ Edward And Deborah Bufford lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Edward and Deborah Bufford - June 23, 2016 at 11:12 AM



“ Deborah Claypool lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Deborah Claypool - June 22, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Berona Massey - June 21, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Berona Massey - June 21, 2016 at 04:13 PM

EV

“ Ed And Malea Vincent lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Ed and Malea Vincent - June 18, 2016 at 08:37 PM

SB

“ Andy and I were so blessed to have you in our lives. Although Andy left us 4 years ago, he felt certain that you would continue to look after me. This allowed him to left go of his worldly body. Thank you for being my big brother. I love you and miss you terribly. I look forward to seeing Andy and you someday. Thank you George!

Sherri Ballinger - June 17, 2016 at 06:25 PM

MS

“ Grandpa you are truly missed and we love you!  
~NeNeBamSquirt~



mssquirtshepard - June 16, 2016 at 10:56 AM

NeNe  
BamnSqui

“ Love u GRANDPA

NeNe BamnSquirt - June 16, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU GRANDPA



NeNe BamnSquirt - June 16, 2016 at 08:56 AM



“ I LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU GRANDPA



MARNITA ESKRIDGE - June 16, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ I LOVE YOU GRANDPA ALWAYS



MARNITA ESKRIDGE - June 16, 2016 at 08:46 AM

TF

*I extend my condolences to Mrs .Pat and the Family..My prayers are for God to continue to give you each strength, peace, & Comfort..It just seems like it was yesterday the last time I spoke to Mr.George who was one nice man I always enjoyed talking with him..He had so much. "JOY" about him and truly Loved Ms.Pat..the very last time we met we both shared about Gods Goodness and the last thing was about Ms.Pat..He will truly be missed and I'm so glad I got the chance to met and know Mr.George Eskridge one of the first families I met that came to GM..*

*May God Continue To Bless Each Of You..Continue To Keep Each Of You In My Daily Prayers..*

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**Tina Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 03:05 PM

ME

“ I LOVE YOU GRANDPA ALWAYS



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**MARNITA ESKRIDGE** - June 16, 2016 at 08:38 AM

MC

“ Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church sent a virtual gift in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



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**Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church** - June 16, 2016 at 01:50 AM

SF

*The Members & Pastor.*

*Extend our deepest and heart -felt Sympathy*

*To Sis.Eskridge & Family, God tells us in John14:1;3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Fathers, house are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you.*

*God ,is clearly letting t and eveyeach of us know that he will continue to be there for each of us,*

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**Shirley Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 02:19 AM

TF

*The Members & Pastor,*

*"Just Another Solider Finished The Battle"*

*Extending Our Heart-felt Sympathy, Sis. Eskridge, & Family God tells each of us in {John 14:1;3}:*

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so , I would have told you , I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that were I am, there ye may be also.*

*In closing: Weeping may endure for a night, But "Joy" Cometh In The Morning.*

*We continue to keep each of you in our thoughts, and prayers May God keep each of you in perfect peace give you his everlasting comfort and divine, strength.*

*Humbly Submitted*

*Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church*

*Rev. Charles L. Fishback, Pastor*

*Sis. Janie Hibbitt, Secretary*

*Sis. Tina Fant, Bereavement, Comm.*

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**Tina Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 02:55 AM

SF

“ *Shirley Fant lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



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**Shirley Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 01:45 AM

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*Kenneth & I extend Our Condolences  
May God continue to Bless You*

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**Shirley Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 01:46 AM

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*Kenneth & Shirley Fant*

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**Shirley Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 01:48 AM

SF

*Kenneth & I extend our heart felt Sympathy*

*Kenneth & Shirley Fant*

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**Shirley Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 02:30 AM

TF

“ *Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



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**Tina Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 12:52 AM

TF

*It was just a couple of weeks ago we shared about the goodness of God, and now God, has called you home to rest from all your Labors,. To the Sis. Eskridge & Family my prayers and thoughts are with each of you.. May God give you peace. his divine comfort and strength in the days ahead of you.. God Bless, Each Of You*

*Tina Fant*

**Tina Fant** - June 16, 2016 at 01:06 AM

CL

“ Charles&charlotte Lewis lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



**charles&charlotte lewis** - June 15, 2016 at 08:42 PM

SI

“ Sanford And Marcia Irvin lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



**Sanford and Marcia Irvin** - June 15, 2016 at 06:32 PM

RB

“ Ria Butts lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



**Ria Butts** - June 15, 2016 at 01:33 PM

PD

“ Patricia Duvall lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



patricia duvall - June 15, 2016 at 12:02 PM

PD

“ Patricia Duvall lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



patricia duvall - June 15, 2016 at 11:47 AM

JL

“ Joyce Lewis lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Joyce Lewis - June 15, 2016 at 09:57 AM

JR

“ Jean Reid lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Jean Reid - June 15, 2016 at 09:56 AM

GB

“ Gladys Beason lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Gladys Beason - June 14, 2016 at 01:56 PM

BP

“ Barb Page lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Barb Page - June 14, 2016 at 01:56 PM

DC

“ PATRICIA AND ESKRIDGE FAMILY YOU,LL HAVE MY MOST DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE HOMEGOING OF YOUR LOVED ONE.MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH DURING DARKEST HOURS .GEORGE JR. SONG HAS ENDED BUT HIS MEMORY LINGERS ON THE LORD HEALS THE BROKEN HEARTED...



DEWAYNE CHUMNEY - June 14, 2016 at 12:18 PM

RM

“ Rachel Murrell lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Rachel Murrell - June 13, 2016 at 10:35 PM



“ Frank Alexander lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



Frank Alexander - June 13, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ ShaRon Lacy Crudup-Eskridge lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



ShaRon Lacy Crudup-Eskridge - June 13, 2016 at 03:18 PM



*We Will Always Love And Miss You, " Poppy."*

ShaRon Lacy Crudup-Eskridge - June 14, 2016 at 01:26 AM



“ ShaRon Lacy Crudup-Eskridge lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.



ShaRon Lacy Crudup-Eskridge - June 13, 2016 at 03:17 PM



*To: GrandPA:  
From: MarVion And Mar'Trevion*

*We Love You GrandPA And Will Miss You Very Much!!!*

ShaRon Lacy Crudup-Eskridge - June 14, 2016 at 01:30 AM

SC

“ *ShaRon Crudup-Eskridge lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



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**ShaRon Crudup-Eskridge** - June 13, 2016 at 03:14 PM



ShaRon  
Lacy

*We Love You Mr. George L. Eskridge.*

*The Crudup Family*

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**ShaRon Lacy Crudup-Eskridge** - June 14, 2016 at 01:35 AM

DC

“ *Darlene Collins & Evelyn Cosby lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



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**Darlene Collins & Evelyn Cosby** - June 13, 2016 at 03:01 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa M. Jones lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



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**Lisa M. Jones** - June 13, 2016 at 12:41 AM

SS

“ *Shawna A. Stovall lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



Shawna A. Stovall - June 12, 2016 at 05:38 PM

VF

“ *Vercinea An Family lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



vercinea an family - June 12, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ *Dear Eskridge Family,*

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - June 12, 2016 at 10:38 AM

TW

“ *Tracy Carothers Whitney lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



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**Tracy Carothers Whitney** - June 12, 2016 at 08:27 AM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of George L. Eskridge, Jr.*



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**Wanda Anthony** - June 11, 2016 at 10:55 PM