



Donald A Duffus

April 13, 1925 - November 9, 2019

Master Sergeant Donald Anderson Duffus, Sr., 94, passed from this world the morning of November 9, 2019 while surrounded by his loving family at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

MSgt (ret) Duffus was born April 13, 1925 in Worcester, MA to Peter G. Duffus and Ada Mills Duffus. At a very young age he learned to be self-sufficient; selling vegetables to area residents from a wagon he pulled around, driving a milk delivery truck and struggling to reach the pedals, driving a bakery truck after the driver became ill and he was the only one that knew the route. MSgt (ret) Duffus first joined the United States Army at age 16. In 1942, he transferred to the United States Marine Corps where he served honorably until retiring in October of 1963. He enlisted as a mechanic and quickly rose to the position of motor transport chief.

During 1943-1945 he served with the 1st Marine Division and participated in four amphibious landings in the Pacific; New Guinea, Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa. From 1945-1946 he was stationed in Peking, China then later 1951-1952 in Korea. From the time he enlisted until his death he loved the Corps and was extremely proud to be a Marine.

MSgt (ret) Duffus was a devout Christian, a brave and loyal Marine, a devoted husband, a patient, loving and giving father, grandfather and great grandfather. He married Pauline L. Riddle in Reno, NV on August 15, 1947. They were by each other's side for nearly fifty-eight years. Even after Pauline's passing and subsequent cremation in 2005, MSgt (ret) Duffus kept

her by his side while taking her ashes with him on trips across the country.

Pauline has also taken her final trip and will be laid to rest in his arms.

MSgt (ret) Duffus is survived by his children; Paula K. Davidson and husband John of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Donna L. Taylor and husband Tony of Wetumka, Oklahoma, Donald A. Duffus, Jr. and wife Rita of Gulfport, Mississippi; his grandchildren, Heather A. Boss and husband Jason of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Scott L. Taylor and wife Beverly of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Peter G. Duffus of Gulfport, Mississippi, Teri A. Park and husband Taylor of Destin, Florida; his great-grandchildren, Cameron A. Boss, Makenzie Park and Grayson Lane.

Viewing will be from 9:00AM-12:00PM Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

A celebration of Donald's life will be held 1:00PM Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery Pavilion, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma with Cameron A. Boss, Scott L. Taylor, Peter G. Duffus, Jason L. Boss, Sr., two honored Marines who served behind him on foreign shores until Valhalla, serving as casket bearers. Donald A. Duffus, Jr. and Tony R. Taylor will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Donald Anderson Duffus Sr. has entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **14**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald A Duffus*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Grandpa and my mom, Donna*



Heather Boss - November 14, 2019 at 01:23 AM

DC

Blessings 🙏

Debra Cordova - February 09, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *78 years and 8 minutes apart in age. Grandpa and his great grandson.*



Heather Boss - November 14, 2019 at 01:21 AM

TP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Teri Park - November 13, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald A Duffus.



November 13, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Heather Boss - November 12, 2019 at 06:25 PM

CW

“ *Crystal Ward lit a candle in memory of Donald A Duffus*



Crystal Ward - November 12, 2019 at 06:00 PM