



Jack Ray Rush Sr.

December 5, 1930 - June 23, 2019

Jack Ray Rush, Sr., 88, of Fairmont, passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born in Fairmont on December 5, 1930, a son of the late Myrtle Valentine Rush and Walter Russell Rush.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn Neel Rush. They were married in Forksburg on August 15, 1950. He is also survived by his son, Jack Rush, Jr. and his wife Debbie; his daughters, Beverly Rush Born and her husband David, and Vicki Rush Wallace and her husband Dawson; his grandchildren, Hannah Born Maxwell and her husband John, Meredith Born Knight and her husband Patrick, Rebecca Rush Ratliff and her husband Benjamin, and Elliott Born, Andrew Rush, Paul Wallace, Neil Wallace, and Jennalea Wallace; his great grandchildren Celia Knight, Wren Knight, and Eliana Ratliff.

Also surviving is a sister, Joann Rush of Fairmont, in-laws, Lawrence Neel (Mary), Velda Musgrove (Ray), Denny Sanders, and many nieces and nephews.

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He enlisted in the Air Force on December 8, 1947 and retired on July 1, 1968 with the rank of Tech Sergeant, the highest rank for a non-commissioned officer. During his military career, he was stationed at Lackland AFB and Bryan AFB in Texas, St. Mihiel AFB in France, March AFB in California, Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C., Chanute AFB in Illinois, and McChord AFB in Tacoma, Washington. He served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. His duties ranged from air police, aircraft mechanic, and flight engineer.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, he worked additional careers in construction for the coal mines and water line installation.

He was a member A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge and a faithful member of Winfield United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, He was preceded in death by a son, Lewis Edwin Rush, in infancy, and his brothers, Earl Rush, Sr. (Darlene), Charles Rush, Sr. (Virginia), Chester

Rush in infancy, Delbert Rush (Nelda), Harold "Bucky" Rush (Trish): sister Barbara Huffman (Kenny); In laws Myrtle Moran Neel, William Victor Neel, Edward Neel (Bernice), Evelyn Murphy (Marlan), and Okareda Sanders.

Friends may call at Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home 209 Merchant Street on Tuesday from 1 – 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 -11 a.m. The service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Randy Vincent officiating. Burial will follow at the West Virginia National Cemetery. Full military rites will be conducted by the Marion County Veterans Council Honor Guard and the U.S. Airforce at the cemetery.

Cemetery

WV National Cemetery

Pruntytown, WV,

Events

JUN 25 Visitation 01:00PM - 08:00PM
Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home
209 Merchant Street, Fairmont, WV, US, 26554

JUN 26 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home
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JUN 26 Service 11:00AM
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Comments



“ My dad (Ralph Meo) thought the world of Jack who was his boss. When my dad died Jack told me if I ever needed anything to call him. While many people say that, I knew that Jack really meant it. My condolences to his family.

Kandyce Meo - June 24, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time, May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Jack Ray Rush, Sr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Air Force Veteran, Jack Ray Rush, Sr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - June 24, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ Vicki, I don't usually look at the paper but so glad I did today. I saw the name Rush and after all my years at East Dale knew I should check it out. You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your dad. I won't be able to come to the viewing as I just had surgery to repair a retinal detachment. Again I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely,
Marsha Lloyd

Marsha Lloyd - June 24, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ Jack, Debbie, and family. Condolences to you all on the loss of Jack's father. Thinking of you.

Sally Satterfield Rutherford - June 24, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Della Virginia Huffman - June 24, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Beverly, Jack, Vicki and families,

My sister Kay, told me last night of your loss. So very sorry. May God grant you extra strength during this difficult time. Just by listening to you through the years, I can tell he was indeed a blessing to you all.

Allan Keener - June 24, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

Vicki Nichols - June 24, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ To Marillin and family, my deepest condolences to all of you. Jack was a wonderful man to all who knew him. He will be missed by everyone. Thank you for sharing him with all of us. I know Keven was waiting to welcome him to their eternal home. God Bless each one of you. I'm sorry I didn't get to talk to you and Jack st the viewing for Gary. I saw you both leave before I could speak to you.

Kathy (Rush) Snider - June 24, 2019 at 02:21 AM



“ You will be missed Uncle Jack, I'm glad you made it to view Gary so at least we could visit, like i told you, live one day at a time, we just didnt know that would be your last one.you and Gary take of each other up there in heaven, look after all of us that love you both. Love and Prayers for the Rush family

rebecca rush - June 23, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ I moved to Fairmont 32 years ago. Jack and Marilyn were my first landlords. I could not ask for two nicer people. Some of my favorite memories are of looking out my apartment window and seeing Jack talking to my little girl as she would swing on his swing set. They were so good to us and I will never forget that. Rest In Peace Jack, you will definitely be missed. Marilyn you and your family are in our Prayers. Love Ray and Tanya Robe

Tanya Robe - June 23, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ My prayers are with you and the family. Uncle Jack will be greatly missed.

Shirley - June 23, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ I am so saddened by the loss of Jack. You all are in my prayers. Our families have so many intertwined moments that it has almost seemed like we were family. Jack and Marilin's apartment has housed many of my nieces and nephews as they began their adult lives. They were my next door neighbors as Dean and I began our married life renting Joe and Alice's house. I have many happy memories of those times. Most of all, however, I remember you all moving to Bunner Ridge. It was one of the greatest blessings of my life, because I met Vicki and she quickly became one of my best friends - a relationship that is still as strong as ever. When I first met Jack, I'll admit I was afraid of him - big guy and a little gruff. It didn't take long, however, for me to learn his bark was definitely worse than his bite, and I learned to kid right back at him. :-) I have so many memories, but one of my favorites is when he rescued me from a huge black snake that had gotten in our old farmhouse and wrapped itself around an extension cord right outside my bedroom. :-) Lue shared one of her early memories with me and I thought it would give you a chuckle. She remembers when Jack and Marilin started dating (she and Okareda were quite a bit younger than them) and she and Okareda would see Jack give Marilin a kiss and they would just giggle and giggle at them. Thank you all for sharing him with us. Love, Della

Della Virginia Huffman - June 24, 2019 at 10:37 AM