



## Charles Raymond Stokesberry

August 8, 1928 - August 17, 2011

Services were 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Montgomery-Viets Chapel with the Rev. David Miller officiating. Recorded selections of "Go Rest High On that Mountain" and "Amazing Grace" were played. Burial, with military honors, was in the Louisburg Cemetery under the direction of Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

Charles Raymond Stokesberry was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Coffeyville, Kan., the son of Ernest and Georgia Stokesberry. He died Aug. 17, 2011, at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, where he was recovering from surgery in Joplin.

His parents owned and operated Mom and Pop's Cafe and Service Station in Louisburg for many years.

He attended school in Kansas City with his three siblings. At age 17, he entered the U.S. Navy where he became a radio man.

After the service he entered college at University of Missouri-Kansas City.

While attending school he worked as a reporter for the Kansas City Star. He continued in law school for a year where he gained an interest in pursuing a career in the FBI.

He was married to Betty, and one son was born of this union. He married Mary Jo Fuller in 1956 in Des Moines, Iowa, and four children were born of this union.

He lived in Kansas City and St. Joseph. He was an avid golfer and loved playing at the Mohela Country Club where he lived and was a member.

He married Ritzy Grady Johnston on Aug. 21, 1972, in Miami, Okla. They

resided in Sunrise, Fla. for a short time before returning to Carmi, Ill. When they moved to Joplin, he worked briefly in the produce business for Thomas Fruit Company. His wife taught special education at Joplin High School.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Ritzy; his children: Steve and wife, Jolene Stokesberry, Weaton, Ill., Scott and wife, Lou Ann Stokesberry Paducah, Ky., Sue Stokesberry and partner, Lynda, Lancaster, Texas, and Sally Stokesberry, Olathe, Kan.; his stepson, John Johnston; his grandchildren: Wyatt, Tate, Reagan, Matthew, Madeline and Mary; step-granddaughter, Savannah Hope Johnston; and step-great-granddaughter, Marley Burks.

# Tribute Wall



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