



Robert "Bob" D. Eatman

December 2, 1924 - September 7, 2009

Robert "Bob" D. Eatman
1924-2009

Robert "Bob" D. Eatman age 84, of Sharpsburg, Ga passed away on Monday, September 07, 2009 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born on December 02, 1924 in Charlotte, N.C. to Jamie A. and Estelle Greene Eatman. He was an member of Turin United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Eatman enlisted in the Army in 1940 at the age of 15. He later joined a group of 2,997 seasoned jungle fighters chosen to form the top-secret 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional). The group, led by Brig. General Frank Merrill, came to be known as Merrill's Marauders. The Marauders' mission was to undertake long range reconnaissance missions behind Japanese lines in Burma to cut enemy communication links and disrupt supply lines while Allies fought to reopen the Burma Road, a vital Allied supply link between India and China.

He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor and a Bronze Star for his actions in battle. After the war, Merrill's Marauders were officially absorbed into what became the 75th Ranger Regiment, which still honors Merrill's Marauders today. Eatman's name is on the Ranger Walk of Fame at Ft. Benning. When he left the Army, Eatman worked in several automotive-related

businesses near Charlotte before joining Eastern Airlines. He remained with Eastern for 25 years before retiring in 1981.

He is survived by his Wife, Elizabeth Rickles-Eatman of Sharpsburg, Ga, daughters Marie E. O'Hearn, Donna L. Mouriz and Janice A. Bearden.

Brothers Harold L. Eatman and Ronnie Hudgins, Sisters Mildred McCall and Ruth Reynolds. Two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com.

A memorial service for Robert "Bob" D. Eatman, will be Wednesday, September 09, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Turin United Methodist Church. Pastor Griff Jones will officiate. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Turin United Methodist Church 20 Longstreet Ave. Turin, Ga.

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Service

SEP 9. 6:00 PM (ET)

Turin United Methodist Church
20 Longstreet Avenue
Turin, GA 30289

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Beth, So very sorry to hear of "Bob's" homegoing. With the strength you have in our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the prayers from all those who know and love you; I am certain that you will continue to serve God in any and every way possible. For you alone, can imagine the next time you will see Bob in his "heavenly body". My prayers are with you now and will be always, In His Love, Sharon.

Sharon J. Pettway - September 12, 2009 at 05:05 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr Eatman. He will be dearly missed here in Ashe Co. I really didn't know his daughters expect for Marie, Rob Cornwell's mother. I meet them here in Ashe. Mr Eatman was so nice to me and we would chat on the phone he liked to talk. Again I am sorry to hear he has passed. I would like to hear from Marie or Rob my email is lindasm2000@yahoo.com and my number is 336-877-0691. Thank you, Linda Mullis

Linda Mullis - September 09, 2009 at 09:31 PM

LH

“ Bob was a shining star, a bright light, always bringing a smile to everyone around him...hiding the remarkable, courageous man that he was just underneath that silly joking exterior. The world will be a darker place without him.

Linda Harris - September 09, 2009 at 05:09 PM

SS

“ Marie & Janice, Sorry to hear about the death of your Father; but we know that he is in the presence of Jesus and is made whole. You are in my thoughts & prayers. May God comfort you now and in the days ahead. God Bless. In His Love, Syble

Syble Storey - September 09, 2009 at 02:43 PM

AN

A great American hero. So thankful to have met him and Elizabeth. My wife and I had dinner with them in Tyrone just months before he passed. As we listened to his few brief war stories we realized that we were in the presence of two great Americans. They just don't make 'em like Bob Eatman much these days. May God richly bless children and grandchildren for generations to come.

Adrien Neely - February 05, 2020 at 10:33 PM