



Rudolph "Rudy" V. Melton

June 13, 2018

Rudolph "Rudy" V. Melton, age 95, longtime resident of Zena passed away on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Grove Nursing Center.

Rudy was born in Verden, Oklahoma to Walter and Elva Mae (Matlock) Melton during the Great Depression. In 1940, he joined the U.S. Army and served for 5 years during WWII, with campaigns in New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. Rudy earned the rank of Sergeant was awarded with a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with a Bronze Star, American Defense Ribbon and Bronze Service Arrowhead Good Conduct Medal.

In 1945, Rudy married the love of his life, Betty Fulton in Oklahoma City, OK and they made their home in Tulsa.

Rudy retired in 1967 after a long career as an electronics engineer at McDonnell Douglas in Tulsa. He was an avid golfer and a long standing member of Elk River Golf Club in Noel, Missouri, where he could frequently be found until recently, when his health began declining.

Rudy was preceded in death by his wife Betty Melton, three brothers and one sister.

Left to carry on his legacy: son, Rodney Melton and daughter, Judy Melton, both of Grove; grandson, Steven Melton; granddaughter, Sara Onugha and husband, Jide, great granddaughter Adriana and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of Rudy's life will be held at 11am Thursday, June 21, 2018 at Nichols Stephens Funeral Chapel with lunch to follow. Chaplain Mark Lavine to officiate. A private family burial at Zena Cemetery will be at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ Rudolph "Rudy" V. Melton

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“ What a wonderful special dear friend and golfing buddy..will never be another Rudy..one of a kind...so very fortunate and blessed to have known Rudy.will miss him dearly..our sincerest prayers for rudy's family God bless you.. Roger and Cindy Deaver

Cindy Deaver - June 20, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ John, Charlene & Nick Leubecker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rudolph "Rudy" V. Melton.



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“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Rudolph "Rudy" V. Melton.



June 19, 2018 at 09:22 AM

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“ *Our condolences to the family of Rudy Melton, a generous man, his patriotic service, and attitude were inspiring. He was always there for good advice and information. Rudy will be missed,*
Jack & Ellie Forsmann, Grove, Oklahoma

Jack & Ellie Forsmann - June 19, 2018 at 08:08 AM