



Marcus Ray "Red" Oliphant

December 16, 1927 - September 21, 2014

Marcus Ray "Red" Oliphant, 86, of Bloomfield passed away Sunday September 21, 2014 at the IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington. Born December 16, 1927 in Bloomfield the son of Charles and Rosa (Jackson) Oliphant.

Red was retired from the United State Air Force as a Colonel, he was a 1945 graduate of Bloomfield High School and a 1952 graduate of the United States Military Academy West Point with a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering, he was a former president of the Southern Indiana Chapter Air Force Association, he was a member of the MOAA (Military Officer's Association of America), American Legion, VFW, DAV and the Bloomfield First Christian Church .

Surviving relatives include his four daughters, Rebecca (Donald) Noel of Bloomfield, Natalie Oliphant-McKamey of Bloomington, Melinda (Mike) Small of Bloomfield and Elisabeth "Lisa" (Buff) Brown of Bloomington, his nine grandchildren, Christopher Noel, Bonnie Noel Sparks, James McKamey, Sarah Small, Sally Small, Nancy Small Armstrong, Lauren Brown, Lelia "Lilly" Brown and Jenna Brown, four great grandchildren, Brett Sparks, Aria Noel, Ethan Armstrong, Oliver Armstrong and several nieces and nephews.

Red was preceded in death by his siblings, Louise Heaton, Delmar Oliphant, Orval Oliphant, Eva Sappenfield, Lawson Oliphant, Paul L. "Tom" Oliphant and Elmer Van Oliphant, one granddaughter Carrie Jane McKamey, his wife Willie Hinkle Oliphant and his parents.

Friends may call from 2 to 8pm on Tuesday and 9am Wednesday until the hour of service at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Rev. Nathan Brooks officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Cemetery with the Bloomfield American Legion Military honors.

The family wishes any donations be made to the Bloomfield First Christian Church, the Bloomfield First Presbyterian Church, NJROTC or Bloomfield High School Sports, Music or Academic programs.

Online condolences to the family can be made at WWW.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Our prayers are with you for your loss. Mark was the first person we met 40 years ago when we moved to Bloomfield. He was a valuable member of the community. He will be missed by us.

James & Maria Marusek - September 24, 2014 at 09:48 PM

AB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. It was always a pleasure to visit with Red when he came into the school to pick up an athletic pass, schedule, etc. His positive attitude was contagious and he was always asking about the kids. May we all take a lesson from him!

Angela Brown - September 24, 2014 at 05:04 PM

SS

“ Dear Natalie and James, Please accept our sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

Steve and Linda Scott - September 23, 2014 at 05:52 PM

SM

“ Sincerely sorry for your loss. I so enjoyed seeing Red at all of Joe & Jan Edwards' concerts. He will be greatly missed I know. Lisa and Natalie sorry I won't be to see you both. But I'm sending HUGS and PRAYERS your way. Sharon Masters

Sharon K Masters - September 23, 2014 at 02:23 PM

BP

“Uncle Dale and Aunt Ruth” McClung, my parents, thought highly of Red and were always honored by his personal invitations to come entertain and join in celebrating Labor Day in the park annually. I know he will be greatly missed by so many including sweet Lisa, whom I had the privilege to teach with at Batchelor. You all have my deepest sympathy.

Brenda Polley - September 23, 2014 at 01:54 PM

BG

“Mindy, I am sad to hear of your Dad's passing. I remember him fondly. He will be missed by many. Sincerely, Becky

Becky Guthrie - September 23, 2014 at 01:00 PM

DN

“I will miss your dad, he was such a wonderful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Debra Nicolaisen - September 23, 2014 at 11:31 AM

LK

“what a great man we have lost, he was very special to my Mom & Dad, Etta Mae & Davie Nation, I will also miss him coming into the bank and saying "everyone take the day off" :) God bless your family.

Linda Kavanaugh - September 23, 2014 at 10:15 AM

RA

“ *Every life Marc touched was better, mine included. He was a fine man and a patriot.
His wars are truly over and he is with the Prince of Peace.
In thinking of Marc, the words of General Douglas MacArthur in his farewell exemplify him.
'Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.'
And like the old soldier of that ballad, I now close my military career and just fade away—an old soldier who tried to do his duty as God gave him the light to see that duty.*”

Roger Axe - September 23, 2014 at 10:14 AM

AF

“ *Chris, I'm so sorry for the passing of your Grandfather. Even tho I had never met him, the pictures of him that you'd post on FB made me feel like I'd known him for years. Such a sweet gentle soul. You could just tell he loved each of you very much, and was so proud of you. What a great man he was. I'm thankful for his service to our Country. His legacy will live on forever. You should be very proud to have had him as your Grandfather. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Anita~*”

Anita Freeman - September 23, 2014 at 09:04 AM

ME

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. Red was such a special man. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him. May your many wonderful memories of him bring you comfort during this very difficult time. God Bless.
Monica and Doug Evans*”

Monica Evans - September 22, 2014 at 06:24 PM

VH

“ I was working at Bloomfield IGA. That how I knew Red. Red come in the store so cheer full and he so proud of his children and grandchildren too. he always showing us pictures of them all the time. I remember one of his granddaughter made it on Colts Cheer team. Red was so proud of her. Red proud of his grandchildren he always talk about them. My heart and prayers with Red family. Red will be real be miss by everyone.

Valerie Herbst - September 22, 2014 at 03:21 PM

EY

“ Nat and family: I'm so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Red, he was always up beat and fun to be around. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Elaine Yarde - September 22, 2014 at 03:14 PM

DK

“ *Oliphant family, Red was one of a kind, I will miss him at Thursday veterans breakfast, where he always had a kind word, salute, a joke to share or maybe a calendar to sell.*

At times like these this poem has helped me, hope it helps you.

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you."

Krusenklaus family

Don Krusenklous - September 22, 2014 at 01:32 PM

RT

“ *May the eternal light of our Lord's resurrection abide with the family and friends of Col. Marcus (Red) Olyphant. He was a true patriot who stood firmly for both God and Country.*

Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Murray J. Thompson - September 22, 2014 at 12:31 PM