



LTC Jack Rubley, USA, Ret

September 19, 1926 - September 23, 2012

LTC Jack Rubley, USA, Ret., was born on September 19, 1926 in Nauvoo, Alabama and passed away September 23, 2012 in Mineola, Florida after a long illness. He was surrounded by several of his family members and friends.

Mr. Rubley entered the United States Army from Jasper, Alabama as a draftee private and served in Europe as a platoon sergeant. He received a direct commission as an officer in 1950 and served as an Infantry officer and later as a Signal Corp officer in Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand and a number of assignments in the United States. He retired from military service, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in 1970. During his military career, he was one of the project engineers for the Army's original long lines microwave system built throughout Japan and Korea. He commanded the large base support organization in the Army's combat strike force and was Chief of the Defense Communications Agency in Thailand, directly supporting operations in Vietnam. He also served as the Chief of the Army's automated data research and development organization charged with planning the automation of the US field Army. Most notable of his military assignments was at the White House as the Director of Communications during the administrations of Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. In this capacity he was responsible for planning and implementing all Chief Executive and Command and Control Communications for the President, the Vice President, the White House Staff and the protective communications for the Secret Service both in the United States and throughout the world when the President traveled.

He was awarded eleven decorations and citations consisting of two Legions of Merit and nine other Presidential, Department of Defense, Department of Army, Federal Communications Commission and United States Foreign Service decorations. Upon retirement from the military he was employed by The International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation (ITT) as Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President for US Government Requirements. He was concurrently the General Manger for all US communications services provided by ITT to the Department of Defense, the Department of State and other US Government departments. He was recruited by the United States

Information Agency, a foreign affairs organization and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Foreign Service. He held the rank of Counselor, the third highest rank in the Career Foreign Service, and retired from the Foreign Service after serving 21 years.

Mr. Rubley was married to Bernice Johnson formerly of Parrish, Alabama for 52 years. They were the parents of five children and grandparents of nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Mrs. Rubley passed away August 1, 2000. A graveside service will be conducted 11:00 a.m. December 31, 2012 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Comments



“ I just saw this but wanted you all to know that I share more memories than I could ever write but will forever hold them within my heart. I always felt as though I was always the other son of Jack and Bernie. Having known Jack and his family for over 60 years now I feel that there are some of you who will share in the memories that I hold for you as well as both Jack and Momma Bernie. Please know that I send my love to you all and would love to hear from you. My e mail is Gulfvet1@aol.com. Please feel free to contact me at your leisure. I hold each of you within my prayers and hope for contact soon. My God bless you all. Regards, Cliff Kelley

Cliff Kelley - April 28 at 11:38 PM



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“ I just wanted to say I'm sorry he was a great man and so is the Rubley family he was my uncle and I'm proud of him and his accomplishments

October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to learn of the passing of LTC Jack Rubley. The loss of a parent is so difficult to endure. I lost my Dad in 1981, but gratefully my Mom at age 86 is still with us, although in a nursing home and in failing health. I went to FHS and graduated with Rick in 1971. I am proud to say that my son, Michael, is a United States Marine, and so I have first-hand knowledge of the sacrifices our men and women in uniform make. I "salute" LTC Rubley for his many years of service to our country in so many capacities, and pray that he will rest in peace, knowing that he made a real difference in the lives of all of us who live in freedom!

September 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I have known Jack for years on AOL and have talked to him on the phone several times. He was a great man and his passing is sad news. It is my sincere hope that all in his family will accept my condolences. Jack will be missed by many in our little online community. Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know that are happy. With thoughts of peace and courage for you, Gary R Assell

September 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was fortunate to talk to Jack for hours on the telephone once we knew that we were in Germany in the same town at the same time. I was a little girl living there with my father in the Army of Occupation and Jack was Constabulary. He cleared up questions about the area that I had not asked my father. Talking to Jack was like talking o a living history book but much more interesting. He will be missed by all who knew him on line. My prayers go out to his family at this loss. He loved all of you very much.

September 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I've been so lucky as to have met some very impressive people throughout my life. Jack was one. One thing I thought was most notable about him is that he was a good person. Obviously his goodness emanated throughout his life into every thing he did. It seems the greatest, most successful business people are those who make theirselves accessible and treat others respectfully. Jack was one. What he made clear during the short time I knew him is that he loved his wife and family and was so proud of them. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. God Bless you all and give you strength.

September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Sadowski Famiy sends our condolences and our prayers are with your family. Your father will be truly missed.

September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM