

Clarence E. Galaspie

October 19, 1912 – April 15, 1990

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COL. CLARENCE E. GALASPIE

Col. Clarence E. Galaspie, 77, of Beckley, formerly of Gauley Bridge, Bluefield and Johnson City, Tenn., died Sun. Apr. 15, in a Beckley hospital, following a long illness.

Born Oct. 19, 1912, at Hinton, he was the son of the late Frank and Margaret McDaniel Galaspie.

Mr. Galaspie was retired from the U.S. Army with more than 40 years of service, where he served in the Active Duty in Europe during World War II.

He organized and was first commandant for the West Virginia Military Academy and held many military awards, the highest being the Legion of Merit.

Mr. Galaspie was a member of the West Virginia Army National Guard, holding many key assignments, such as the Assistant Adjutant General of West Virginia and Commander of the 105th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Commanding Officer of the Third Squadron of the Berlin Crisis.

He was a member of the Grandview Country Club, West Virginia National Guard Association and had been active in many civic organizations, was a member of the First Baptist Church of Beckley and attended the Pikeview Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mona Galaspie and a brother, Ed Galaspie.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret (Meg) Galaspie of South Charleston; two nephews, Robert and Charles Galaspie, both of Richmond, Va., and a niece, Barbara Marion of Winston Salem, N. C.

Memorial services were held Sat. Apr. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Funeral Home Chapel in Prosperity with the Revs. Julian Grubb and Griffin C. Callahan officiating. Interment was in the St. Stephens Episcopal Church Columbarium at Beckley. Military honors was conducted by the West Virginia Army National Guard.

Any contributions of sympathy should be made to the First Christian Church or the Beckley VA Voluntary Service at 200 Veterans Ave., Beckley.

The Blue Ridge Funeral Home in Prosperity was in charge of the arrangements.