



## Hoyt Wayne French

August 19, 1932 - February 24, 2017

Hoyt Wayne French, age 84, Tuscumbia, passed away on Friday, February 24, 2017 at his residence surrounded by his family. Mr. French, a proud American for God and his country, having served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was assigned to "B" Co., 1st Btn, in the 32nd Infantry Reg't, and the 7th Infantry Division. Along with the Purple Hearts he was awarded: the Combat Infantry Badge, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, U.S. Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Medal, National Defense Medal, Korea War Service Medal, Good Conduct Metal, one Bronze Service Star, Expert Shooter Rifle and Carbine, Order of Bayonet, and Cold War Medal. He was a life member of Colbert County Memorial Post #31, American Legion, where he was the Commander of the post Color Guard / Drill Team. He was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Korea War Veterans Association, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was also active with the Sons of Confederate Veterans where he participated in re-enactments of battles in uniform of that period. He retired from Reynolds after 30 years. He was a loving man, father, and grandfather who always took good care of his family. He especially loved his four legged friend, "Puddin?". A graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2017 at Halltown Cemetery in Red Bay with full military honors performed by the American Legion Color Guard, Post #31. His son-in-law, John Snyder, will speak at the service. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth & Tavia (Shedd) French; and brothers, James Malcolm French, Milton Bryant

French, and William "Billy" Keith French. He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter, Marie French Snyder (husband, John Braxton Snyder, Jr.); grandchildren, Kari Anne Snyder, Braxton Wayne Snyder (wife, Miranda); 4 great-granddaughters; 3 great-grandsons; brother, Thomas John "T.J." French; longtime friend, Aline Robinson; and several nieces & nephews. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Rose, Dr. Sherrod, nursing staff at Shoals Hospital, Amedisys Hospice Care, Melinda McKleroy, and American Legion Post 31 for your love and care of our father and grandfather. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the American Legion Color Guard, Post 31, c/o Don Johnson, 1085 Tennessee Avenue, Tuscumbia, AL 35674. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a wonderful man and father to you Marie. I'm going to remember you and your family in my prayers.

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**Anna Harrison Wright** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hoyt was a good person. We often talked about our experiences at Reynolds and the military (when we met at Walmart). He will be missed.

*John Humes*

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**John Humes. (Co-worker @ Reynolds)** - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM