

# **SGM (Ret) James H. Toups**

**September 27, 1928 - December 13, 2002**

Funeral for retired Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Toups, 74, Lawton, will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Becky Baxter-Crowell, pastor, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, officiating. Mr. Toups died Friday, December 13, 2002, in Lawton. Burial with military honors will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

He was born September 27, 1928, at Pelly, Texas. He married Dorothy V. Hansen on November 4, 1977, in Lawton. He had served in the Merchant Marine Corp for three years before entering the Army. He served in Korea and Vietnam from 1967-68 and 1971. He retired at the rank of Sergeant Major after 29 years of service. Following his retirement, he worked as the adult welding instructor at Great Plains Area Vocational Technical School, retiring in 1991. He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, the VFW, DAV, the Mt. Scott Masonic Lodge 540 and the Apache Masonic Lodge 23 where he was a past master. He was a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America-Lawton Chapter 751. He was also a Shriner and a Shrine Clown.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons: John G. Newell and James H. Toups Jr., both of Lawton, Delmar Owens, San Antonio, Texas; three daughters: Carol Jean Robinson, Lawton; Daena Lynn Blake, Des Moines, Iowa; and Reesie White, Cache; two brothers: Wilbur Toups, Galliano, La.; and Floyd Toups, Baton Rouge, La; four sisters: Doris Vizier, Galliano, La.; Johnnie Fay Dlabay, Texas; and Virginia Breaux and Eva Louise, both of Louisiana; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Transportation Fund, Circle of Care or Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

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