

Robert E. "Sarge" Cavanaugh, Retired Air Force Master Sergeant 1914-2006



Sarge was born on August 17, 1914 and passed away on Friday, March 3, 2006 in Grand Junction at age 91. He was born in Youngstown, OH, to Robert Leo and Anne Mae Law Cavanaugh. He spent his childhood in Youngstown, OH, spending summers in Wampum, PA. In 1935 he graduated from Blasdell High School. On September 9, 1942 Sarge joined the military. He served with the Army Air Corps during World War II, and the US Air Force in the Korean War and in Vietnam. Sarge received the American Campaign Medal, European, African, Middle Eastern Service Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal, before being Honorably Discharged in 1970. On August 17, 1946 Robert married

Muriel Jean Baubie in Blasdell, NY. During his time in the military, Robert and his family lived in numerous places all over the world. Robert's hobbies included fishing, hunting, hiking, **singing**, writing poetry, riding horses and enjoying the "cowboy" life, dancing and riding his Harley-Davidson, and worshipping Christ as his personal savior. He attended Calvary Bible Church in Grand Junction. He also belonged to the **Barbershoppers for 35 years**, and to the American Legion, and the NCOA. He loved to entertain his family and friends by playing his accordion and harmonica simultaneously! Survivors include his son, Robert C. Cavanaugh of Mendon, UT; daughter and son-in-law, Jerlynn "Jeri" and Ken Hurt of Grand Junction, CO; sister, Blanche C. Cavanaugh of Jacksonville, FL; five grandchildren and one great grandchild. His wife, Muriel, passed away August 7, 1997 and he was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy M. Brooks. Viewing was Thursday, March 9th, and the funeral service was held on Friday, March 10, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary. His beloved Barbershop chorus sang at his funeral service. Burial followed in the Veterans Section of Orchard Mesa Cemetery with an Air Force honor guard from Colorado Springs. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus, PO Box 4408, Grand Junction, CO 81502.