



## David Beydler Alexander

May 6, 1920 - December 4, 2014

Lt. Col. David Beydler Alexander (U.S. Army Retired) “Dave”, 94, of Edinburg, Virginia died on December 4, 2014 at his home. Mr. Alexander was born May 6, 1920, at a farm near Dayton, Virginia and was a son of the late David Craun and Sarah Huffman Alexander of Bridgewater, Virginia.

Raised on the farm, Dave assisted in farm duties and attended both primary and high school near Dayton. Mr. Alexander was active in Future Farmers of America, becoming an excellent judge of poultry, capturing a national championship. Later he became among the first graduates of Poultry Science in 1943 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Upon graduation from VPI he was commissioned as 1st Lt. in the US Army and sent to North Africa to help lead the 90th Coast Artillery Regiment, a first of its kind all-black unit created by Eleanor Roosevelt. Promoted to the rank of Captain, he continued to help lead the unit in its mission of harbor defense; he later provided logistical support for the 7th Army at the Battle of the Bulge in France.

Upon returning to the States after his service in WWII, Mr. Alexander returned to a career in the poultry industry, but returned to the Army in 1949, assuming training responsibilities for advanced artillery and special forces. In 1951 he was assigned to active duty in Korea, supporting the 42nd Rainbow Division. Upon returning home, he earned a Master’s Degree in Political Science (International Relations) at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). His military

career concluded with a final assignment at the Pentagon in Washington DC, providing intelligence briefings to the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired from the Army in 1965 at the rank of Lt. Colonel and subsequently worked with the Virginia Health Department until final retirement in 1988.

Dave was predeceased by Marie D. Alexander (first wife) and Doris S. Alexander (second wife); six brothers and one sister. He is survived by three children, Gail A. Simmons of Ridgeland, Mississippi, Scott B. Alexander of Swoope, VA, and David T. Alexander of Woodstock, VA; two step children, Gary Spiggle of Marshall, VA, and Thomas S. Spiggle of Toms Brooke, VA; two step grandchildren, Thomas S. Spiggle II, and Amber M. Spiggle; five grandchildren, Matthew D. Alexander, Andrew C. Alexander, Stephen M. Alexander, Jessica M. Simmons, Geoffrey S. Simmons; and twelve great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00AM on December 13, 2014 at Cedarwood Cemetery, S. Main Street, Edinburg, VA 22824, followed by a memorial service at 12:30PM at the Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church, 141 Orkney Drive, Mt. Jackson, VA 22842.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to:

By mail: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675

Email: [www.WoundedWarriorProject.org/Donate](http://www.WoundedWarriorProject.org/Donate)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **12**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service  
14116 South Middle Road  
Edinburg, VA 22824  
(540) 984-3700  
secretary.valleyfs@yahoo.com  
<https://www.valleyfs.com>

## Memorial Service

DEC **13**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church  
141 Orkney Drive  
Mt. Jackson, VA 22842

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Beydler Alexander*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *David Beydler Alexander*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Dee Harrington lit a candle in memory of David Beydler Alexander*



**Dee Harrington** - December 10, 2014 at 07:47 AM



*May the family find warmth in their memories of Mr. Alexander. Love, prayers and peace to all....*

**Dee Harrington** - December 10, 2014 at 07:48 AM