



Melvin J. Greennagel

October 25, 1917 - January 11, 2021

Melvin J. Greennagel passed away on January 11, 2021 in Woodstock, Virginia, at the age of 103. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Blanche, his sister, Norma and his beloved wife of 69 years, Lorraine. A loving father and grandfather, he is survived by two sons, Stephan and wife, Barbara and David and wife, Cameron, five grandchildren and one great granddaughter, all who will dearly miss him.

Melvin was born in Metamora, Illinois and grew up on a dairy farm. He moved to Arlington, Virginia after enlisting in the United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own" as a tuba player. He served 27 years in the Band including 12 years as Unit Sergeant Major. A gifted musician in more ways than one, he played string bass in jazz groups and repaired musical instruments.

Melvin was a dedicated family man. As his sons grew, he supported their participation in activities such as Little League, Scouts, church youth group and school bands and orchestras.

Melvin and Lorraine retired to the Shenandoah Valley area, living in Edinburg and later Woodstock. He used his skills and free time by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in their home building projects. Over his lifetime Melvin enjoyed beekeeping, woodworking and wood burning projects. He had the proverbial "green thumb", planting and tending trees, flowers and vegetables with great success.

A lifelong Christian, Melvin was a member of Wakeman's Grove Church of the Brethren at the time of his death. A memorial service and burial at Arlington

National Cemetery will follow at a later date.

Friends may sign the book at Valley Funeral Service, Edinburg on Monday, January 18, 2021 from 11 AM until 5:00 PM. Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Service, Inc. and Valley Funeral Service Branch, Bowman's Crossing.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Fort Myer, VA 22211

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren
668 Wakemans Grove Road
Edinburg , VA 22824

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin J. Greennagel*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Melvin J. Greennagel*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Glad to have gotten to know and care for you Mr. Melvin. You are an inspiration to all and lived life to the fullest. You are also the biggest gentlemen I've ever known. Will miss you.*

Matthew Holder - January 17, 2021 at 07:00 AM



“ *Melvin was a very nice person to have known. He will be missed.*

Cecil & Barbara Holler - January 15, 2021 at 08:54 PM