



## Col. John Donald Prendergast

September 20, 1916 - October 6, 2014

Col. Jack Prendergast (Ret.) was born September 20, 1916, in Minneapolis, MN, of Leo Theodore Prendergast and Bernice Helen Newsum Prendergast. Raised in St. Louis, MO, he attended Christian Brothers High School and, upon graduation with his twin brother, Tom, enrolled in the University of Oklahoma where he earned a BS degree in Petroleum Engineering.

Jack was commissioned as a 2LT in the U.S. Army in 1940, serving in WWII and Korea, retiring in 1965. His tours of duty included Japan and Washington DC. He was awarded the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, and the French Croix de Guerre. Subsequently, he pursued a second career, retiring from Volvo Heavy Truck Company in 1985.

Col. Prendergast died at the grand age of 98, on October 6, 2014, at Decatur Morgan Hospital. He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Col. Joseph T. "Tom" Prendergast (Ret.). The brothers were parishioners of Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church, Decatur, AL. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery will be with full military honors, and scheduled at a later date.

Jack is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Palm Coast, FL; daughter, Marilynne "Sue" Burtenshaw (Rev. Noel) of Atlanta, GA; stepson, Timothy Cunningham (Nancy) of Sheboygan, WI; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and special friends, Betty Todd, Serelina and Charles Ferris, Joni Stevens, and

rosemary Wolfe, who provided exceptionally kind and loving assistance over many years.

# Tribute Wall



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