



## Joseph Lawrence "Pete" Teglas

March 3, 2015

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

JOSEPH LAWRENCE "PETE" TEGLAS, 87, BIG STONE GAP, VA

Joseph Lawrence "Pete" Teglas, 87, of Big Stone Gap, VA, died Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at his home. He served his country proudly in both the United States Army and United States Air Force during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Air Force in 1966 as a technical sergeant.

Following his military service, Teglas worked for Westmoreland Coal Co. - Virginia Division, retiring in 1985 as a health and safety inspector.

He spent his later years working in the distribution department of The Coalfield Progress, The Post and The Dickenson Star. It was after retiring from his third career that he discovered his true calling. Teglas proudly focused his attention on family and became a full-time Grand Dad to his two grandchildren and countless other youths as a volunteer at Powell Valley Primary and Appalachia Elementary schools. He touched the lives of many other children, both young and not so young, as one of Santa's "helpers" at area schools, company Christmas parties, nursing homes and in parades. Most recently, he treasured his role as a Great-Grand Dad to four great-granddaughters.

Teglas attended Andover Community Church and enjoyed spinning yarns with old and new acquaintances. His military service afforded him the opportunity to travel the globe. He served in Japan, Okinawa, Great Britain, France, Algeria, Turkey and West Germany. When stationed state-side, he served in

Texas, California, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, Florida and New Jersey. Many of the favorite recollections that he shared described vivid memories of his military years.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jane Couch Teglas; parents Julius and Helen Szecsodi Teglas; brothers Julius Teglas, Jr., Frank Teglas, Alexander Teglas, John Teglas and Steve Teglas; sisters Julia Teglas Harrison, Mary Teglas Spears and Anna Teglas Swiney; granddaughter Ashton Julianne Teglas; and son-in-law Chip Myers.

He is survived by daughter Mary Jo Myers of Big Stone Gap and son and daughter-in-law Johnny and Kimberly Teglas of Appalachia; granddaughter Courtney Myers Hampton and husband Randall of Big Stone Gap; grandson Jonathan Clark Teglas of Blacksburg; special granddaughter Erin Herndon of Big Stone Gap; great-granddaughters Kaitlin Buckles, Ashley Hampton, Samantha Hampton and Hannah Hampton, all of of Big Stone Gap; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Roy A. Green Funeral Home in Appalachia. The funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Tony Nunley, Rev. Greg Townsend and Rev. Ronnie Mutter officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted at American Legion Cemetery in Big Stone Gap Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Andover Community Church or Powell Valley Primary School.

# Cemetery Details

## American Legion Cemetery

Big Stone Gap, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roy A. Green Funeral Home  
317 Kilbourne Ave.  
Appalachia, VA 24216  
(276) 565-1250  
info@royagreenfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.royagreenfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAR 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

American Legion Cemetery  
Big Stone Gap, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ Roy A Green Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Lawrence "Pete" Teglas



Roy A Green Funeral Home - March 06, 2015 at 01:56 PM

AF

*This is a lovely tribute, so many memories made in happy times. I'm so sorry for your loss. God Bless your family.*

anita fisher - March 07, 2015 at 12:56 AM

EB

*Beautiful video tribute!!*

ernestine bowers - March 08, 2015 at 01:12 PM



*Very beautiful tribute to a wonderful man! He will be missed by the many lives he touched daily*

Jennifer Herron Cox - March 08, 2015 at 07:45 PM

JC

*That was so nice .A lot of loving memories something you'll never forget .*

Janet Chandler - March 08, 2015 at 08:21 PM

JT

*What a great life he lived here on Earth as a vet, husband, dad, grandad, Santa, & so much else .. He will be missed but left a treasure load of memories for his family to brighten their daily lives with.. God bless and keep you 🙏*

**Janice taylor** - March 08, 2015 at 08:30 PM

LT

*Wonderful tribute of a special man who will be missed.*

**Lynne Tull** - March 10, 2015 at 08:54 PM

GL

“ *Gina Lee lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lawrence "Pete" Teglas*



**Gina Lee** - March 11, 2015 at 08:45 AM

GL

*Mary Jo, Johnny and family - Your dad was such a kind man. I never saw him that he didn't have a kind word and a smile. I am praying for you. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by our communities.*

**Gina Lee** - March 11, 2015 at 08:49 AM

CF

“ *mary jo ,johnny and family...your father was such a sweet kind man..anywhere he ever saw me he reminded me of what a good man my father is and how much he and your mom thought of my family.he and dad were good friends for years.he always had a smile and a hug for me when he saw me somewhere.he was truly a wonderful man and will be missed by all of us..god bless you and your family for such a great loss.*

**cindy foley** - March 08, 2015 at 12:42 PM

FP

“ *FRANKIE PRICE lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lawrence "Pete" Teglas*



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**FRANKIE PRICE** - March 07, 2015 at 06:48 PM

SF

“ *Just an awesome video, Mary Jo. Your dad was a wonderful, kind and caring man. You do have lots of memories that will live forever in your heart. I loved your dad; he and your mom were awesome people. Just trust in GOD and he will get you through this period in your life. Just know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. We love you. Woody and Sandy*

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**Sandy Franklin** - March 07, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ *Mrs. Myers, Courtney and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Teglas was a wonderful man and he will surely be missed.*  
*Tona Jones and Bessie Jones*

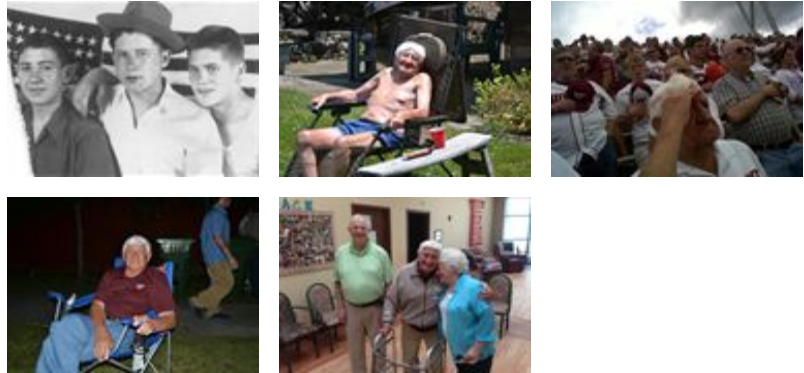


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**Tona Jones** - March 07, 2015 at 07:41 AM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Roy A Green Funeral Home - March 06, 2015 at 12:07 PM



“ Mrs. Myers,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your dear, sweet dad. He was a blessing to have as Santa, the Easter Bunny, and many other things. Kenly and I have very fond memories of him. Thank you for letting us have the honor of knowing a very sweet man. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Angela & Kenly Conen

Angela Conen - March 06, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ Tammy Hulsey lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lawrence "Pete" Teglas



Tammy Hulsey - March 05, 2015 at 06:24 AM

KK

“ *Kathy Kleineick lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lawrence "Pete" Teglas*



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**Kathy Kleineick** - March 05, 2015 at 05:35 AM

JF

“ *John C. Fraley lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lawrence "Pete" Teglas*



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**John C. Fraley** - March 04, 2015 at 06:04 PM

SS

*Mary Jo and Johnny, your dad was a wonderful, caring and loving man. He loved everybody especially his dear family. He will be missed!! Aunt Mary Jane and Uncle Pete were special and I loved them both. Heaven has gained another special angel and he is reunited with the love of his life and other family members and friends. He is rejoicing now! We will see them again along with my mom and dad. Love you Sherry Seymour*

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**sherry seymour** - March 06, 2015 at 08:43 PM