

# Frank Ivy Lackey Jr.

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NATCHEZ — Private services for Frank Ivy “Fil” Lackey Jr., 86, who died Thursday, June 9, 2016, at Adams County Nursing Home, will be announced at a later date at the Natchez National Cemetery at his request.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sebrell Funeral Home in Ridgeland.

Mr. Lackey was born March 27, 1930, in Marion, the son of Frank and Grace Norwood Lackey.

He was a member of Morgantown Baptist Church and past member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Mr. Lackey was a lifetime member of VFW Post 9573. He entered the military in Meridian with Company “C,” 198th Tank Battalion commanded by G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery during the Korean War. Upon completion of tank leadership school at Fort Knox, Fil volunteered for duty in Korea and would see hostile action as a tank commander and platoon sergeant. He was injured on his second tour of duty on Heart Break Ridge.

After his release from active duty, he attended Meridian Junior College and Mississippi Southern before coming to Natchez and working for International Paper Company where he retired after 30 years of service.

Fil loved baseball and played minor league professional for a couple of seasons. He was very active in the Dixie Youth Baseball program for a number of years as a coach and on the board of directors.

Mr. Lackey was preceded in death by his parents and his wife and mother of his children, Marty Edwards Lackey.

Survivors include two sons, Frank “Russ” Lackey and wife, Betty, and Todd Lackey, all of Natchez; three sisters, Claire Wagner and Betsy Rawson of Meridian and Daye Tinnin of Marble Falls, Texas; one granddaughter, Devin Gammill and husband, David, of Natchez; four grandsons, Barrett, Ryan, Scout and Christian, all of Natchez; one great-grandson, James David Gammill III of Natchez; one great-granddaughter, Paislee Ann Lackey; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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