

Joe K. Provence, SFC-U.S. Army, Retired, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and formerly of Franklin, passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Bay Pines VA Medical Center in Bay Pines, Fla.

A native of Paintsville, Ky., Joe attended Martin County School as well as many advance military schools. He was a highly decorated soldier in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. His military honors included two Bronze Stars for Valor, a Purple Heart from the Korean War, Combat Infantry Badge, two U.S. Army Commendation Citations, and four Presidential Unit Citations. During SFC Provence military career, he was a career and retention advisor as well as a recruiter that served the recruiting office in Franklin.

Joe was the son of the late Mack and Dixie Provence and the grandson of the late Mary Jane and Claude McFadden of Tomahawk, Ky.

He is survived by his daughters, Debra Miller and Jody Provence of Franklin; a brother, Paul Provence of Paintsville, Ky.; two sisters, Ruth Spirko of Seminole, Fla., and Doris Mills of canal Winchester, Ohio; his aunt, Alma Daniels of Southpoint, Ohio; and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Full military honors and graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., July 25, 2008, at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

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