



Earl Ward, 91, a resident of Eudora, MS, passed away on 12-29-23.

He was the first-born son of William Frank Ward and Bessie Jane Mae Lott Ward.

Earl joined the US Marine Corps after high school, where he proudly served from 1950 to 1953.

Earl was a Charter member of the Anderson-Jordan Detachment, Department of Mississippi, Marine Corps League and supported the detachment since 2002 when the detachment was created.

Earl was a lifelong mechanic. He met Jane Lucille Dean, and they married 12-23-58. He was worked as a lineman for Texas Gas Transmission Corp from 1961, until he retired in 1992. He and Jane enjoyed many years of square dancing, in which was also a caller. He was also a Sergeant for DeSoto County Sheriff Office for a few years later in life, hired under Sheriff James A Riley. Earl lost his first wife, Jane, 1-30-06.

Earl remarried 6-13-08, to Virginia Collins. They travelled and enjoyed retired life for 15 years before his death. She is his surviving spouse. Earl is survived by daughters Sharon Renee Ward Riddle (Randy Riddle) and Michelle Ward Sneed (Will), as well as granddaughter April Eliece Adams Hamilton (Ben) and Faith Kelsey Sneed. He is also survived by brothers Pete Ward and Mackie Ward, as well as sisters Jo Ann Ward Hardin, Dorothy Ward Burks, Virginia Ward Curry, Teresa Ward Embrey, and countless nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was laid to rest on Thursday, 1-4-24, at Eudora Baptist Cemetery.