



Robert D. Scroggins

September 23, 1928 - October 27, 2010

Robert Daniel Scroggins, age 81, of Morrilton, passed away, October 27, 2010. He was born September 23, 1929 in Morrilton, a son of Mitt Linzsey Scroggins and Mary Ellen McCuin Scroggins. He was the widower of Zella Mae Watkins Scroggins. Mr. Scroggins was a medic and served in the Army during the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his brothers, James Linzsey Scroggins of Michigan; Harold Franklin Scroggins of Center Ridge, and Benny Scroggins of Benton.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 1, 2010 at Grandview Cemetery with Mr. David Fields officiating. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. Online guestbook: www.harrisfuneralhomes.net

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert D. Scroggins*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM

“ This guy right here was a true American hero, by selflessly putting his life on the line and in serious danger Robert used the skills he was taught as a combat medic serving in the U.S. army during the Korean war conflict and saved several fellow soldiers while under enemy fire from all directions. Robert was wounded while saving another soldier. He suffered a gunshot from a sniper in the back of his head at the base of his skull on the right side of head. The bullet zig zagged around in his head and exited through the bottom of the right side of his jaw just above his neck. Removing a large part of his jaw and also a small portion of his brain as well. Robert went on to stay in the hospitals in Germany for several months then was sent back to U.S. hospitals where he underwent countless operations and several reconstructive surgeries to his jaw and face and head. Despite all the time in hospitals and the endless surgeries Robert remains paralyzed in most of the right side of his body for the remainder of his long life. Unable to use his right arm and had some difficulties with his right leg as well. Although being paralyzed and disabled that did not slow him down. He used his pension and compensation from the V.A. to buy a home and land just around the west banks of Lake Overcup just off of highway 95 few miles north of Morrilton Arkansas where he continued to live the rest of his long life to the age of 83 with his wife Zella Mae Scroggin until she passes away several years before his death. While living there Robert took care of the property by himself mostly until he was around 80 or so and then he would still try to mow and weedeat and mess around in his garden and tended to it himself and cut and split his own fire wood and did alot of things that truly amazed me for a man in his condition. He didn't let being paralyzed stop or slow him down one bit all the way to the grave he kept busy every day and was always in good spirits and great mood and always sharing stories with me about his life growing up around Conway county and all the hunting and fishing adventures him and his brothers went on growing while growing up in a very different time and place than what he grew old to to witness the changes that came with time and was always a pleasure listening to his stories about his long career and retiring from his military service, and that

was a common bond we shared with each other for I served in the Army, but during a totally different time and totally different way of soldiering than what he experienced back in his days as a soldier.

Robert continued

hanging on to life and living it to the fullest and kept on moving forward despite the hand that life dealt him that would always be an obstacle in his way he found a way to climb above to and beyond it like his problems never even existed. He was an inspiration and a true hero to me for showing me that anything is possible if you try hard enough and want it bad enough and willing to hard and put forth the effort you can make your dreams and visions become your reality. Gwen was truly one amazing and determined wise old man man whom I learned a lot from and always to be grateful for what you have or have to deal with in this crazy world we live our lives in. And always remember if you think you got it bad step back and re-evaluate your situation to remember there are lots of people who are struggling with difficulties much worse than you can even imagine. Lots of love and respect for this man and very thankful I was lucky enough to meet such an amazing person in my lifetime. Sure do miss you Robert until Valhalla my brother!!!

Chris Mahoney - July 13, 2021 at 06:10 AM

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“ Robert was my father in laws older brother. I got the chance to get to know Robert when we would go mow his yard or cut firewood at his place. Spent alot of time talking to him about Army stuff being we were both U.S Army veterans. Robert served as a medic in the Army and joined at the young age of 16 Or closer to 17 years of age some how!!! Lol he has two grave stones and both have different dates. Robert was a true American hero, he rushed out into the battlefield to save a fellow Soldier and took a shot to the right side of his head in the back side of his head. It was a long road ahead of him after that he spent at least fours years in different V.A. hospitals around the country. After those long years of recovery Ribert went on home to Arkansas and bought a home place on the west side of Lake Overcup right off of hiway 95 a few miles north of Morrilton Arkansas and I-40. Despite Roberts disability caused from the gun shot wound, he was one of the hardest working people I ever met. He couldn't use the right side of his body so he used his left arm for everything. He would split the fire wood Harold and I would cut with one arm and that wasn't the only thing that amazed me about this man. He did most everything he needed done himself. If he couldn't get it the first time he would just reevaluate his situation and get back at it!!! Lots of good memories with this great man of our past!!! Definitely one of the people I miss the most in this world!!! Till Valhalla my brother

Chris Mahoney - July 13, 2021 at 12:54 AM

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“ So sorry to learn Robert had passed away, I met him years ago, he was a special person to me. Sure he will be missed by family and friends.

Chlotine Felker - June 29, 2018 at 10:36 PM



“ so sorry to hear about your loss.

November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Harold and family, I am so sorry to hear of your brother's death. Just know that you and your family will be in out thoughts and prayers.

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM