



Journey Provides One Final Trip Home

In May of 2015, James Lace, who was a veteran, had his final dream fulfilled when he had the opportunity to return to his hometown. Mr. Lace's condition was deteriorating and he had one dream. He wanted to return to his hometown to visit with his family and to say goodbye to the very place where he had gotten his start. He had not been home in 40 years. While he and his sister talked on the phone regularly, he had only had the opportunity to visit with her one time since he left Illinois. Mr. Lace flew to Illinois where he was able to spend a long weekend with his sister and all of his extended family. They reminisced over old pictures. They had a family cookout. They took flowers to the cemetery where his family had been laid to rest. They went sightseeing so that James could see all the places where he had grown up and how they had changed since he left. When James returned to his home in Jonesborough, he told us his heart was content. His dream had been fulfilled. He had gotten to make that final trip home.