



## Homer Speakman

December 31, 1931 - June 12, 2021

Homer Edward Speakman, age 88, Haleyville, AL. passed away Saturday June 12, 2021. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he was awarded many medals and citations, later retired with rank of MSG, with over 20 years of service to his country. He was a member of Liberty Grove Missionary Baptist Church in the Ashridge Community.

Visitation will be held Thursday June 17, 2021 from 1:00PM - 2:00PM at Pinkard Funeral Home in Haleyville, AL. Funeral service to follow at 2:00PM in the chapel, with Bro. Ronnie Marbutt officiating. Burial will be in Liberty Grove Cemetery.

He is survived by his sons, David Edward Speakman (Sandra), Randy Wayne Speakman (Sandy), Ronnie Lewis Speakman and Danny Lee Speakman (Trina); sister, Joyce Crumpton (Arnold) and Louvenia Burleson; brother in law, Leon Hicks; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jones Zera Speakman and Verla Lenora Aaron Speakman; infant sister Sara; wives, Molly Jean Speakman, Imajean Speakman, Kay Speakman and Marie Speakman; grandson, Randall (Ran-D) Speakman; daughter in law, Deborah Speakman.



# Tribute Wall

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“ I was once asked by a classmate what it was like growing up with a drill sergeant as your Dad. At that time I just said, its ok, he's not like what you see in the movies.

*Many years later, I came to realize what it was really like having Msgt Homer E. Speakman as my Daddy.*

*I was 7 or 8 years old, my favorite toy at the time was G.I. Joe. Not the little 3 inch figures they have now, but the 11" fully poseable fully articulated version. The first one I received wore fatigues, had combat boots, rifle and backpack. A real American action hero. This is important later.*

*One day all the older kids were playing tag football. I was standing on the side just watching. My Dad comes up and ask me why I'm not playing. I tell him they won't let me play because I'm too young and too small.*

*Dad asks the kids if he could play, they agree if he will be quarterback for both teams. Thats when he yells, "Danny Lee, come here you're going to play center."*

*I was so happy to get to play. I hiked the ball over and over. I have no idea how long I did this, but I was loving it.*

*The bright blue sky begins to turn to that autumn orange just before sunset and Dad calls last play. He gathers the boys into the huddle and says, "Time for one last play and it will be a trick play. Danny Lee, hike the ball to me and I will hand it back to you. You run as hard and as fast as you can. You other boys block for him"*

*Well I hiked the ball to my Dad, he gave it back to me and I ran like I was running for the last dreamsicle of the summer. I raced across the goal line and threw my hands in the air, jumping and yelling, I had done something the big kids did.*

*I turn around and here comes my Daddy, running and with the biggest smile on his face I had ever seen up to that time, with his arms extended upward to signal touchdown!! He picked me up and put me on his shoulders and carried me off the field and all the way home. He made me feel like I had single-handedly won the Superbowl.*

*So many years later that memory came to my mind and the question that my classmate had asked. What was it like growing up with a drill sergeant as your Dad.*

*Well my answer is this. I grew up with a real life American action hero, I sat on the shoulders of a giant who made me feel like I was the most important person in the world. I grew up with a hero more famous than the Lone Ranger, Superman or Batman. I had my very own hero.*

*Thats what it was like growing up the Homer Speakman as my Daddy, and as the years passed, his legend, in my mind only grows stronger.*

*Dad, I miss you, I love you. You are and always will be my hero.*

*Danny Lee Speakman*

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**Danny Speakman** - June 15, 2021 at 03:42 PM

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*What a precious tribute from a son to his father....well done, Homer Speakman!*

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**Rebecca Davis** - June 17, 2021 at 12:17 AM

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“ *My prayers are with Homers family. Louvenia & Joyce.*  
*Glenda Holdbrooks Brogdon*



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**Glenda Brogdon** - June 15, 2021 at 02:36 PM

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“ *David so sorry to hear this news let me know the arangments and I will. Attend the funeral if it is not a private funeral.*

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