

JOSEPH LAMBERT

June 25, 1932 - December 26, 2016



MOORE, Oklahoma - Joseph Charles Anthony Lambert, 84, retired USAF Chief Master Sergeant, slipped the surly bonds of earth eternally on 26 Dec 2016. The son of the late Myrtle & Camille Lambert, he was born in Baton Rouge, LA on 25 June 1932.

At 19, he joined the USAF and enjoyed a 29-year career as a Communications Systems Maintenance Engineer, Manager and Superintendent. His career took him from Louisiana to Texas, to Germany (several times) France, South Carolina, Oklahoma (several times), Illinois, Missouri, Turkey, Newfoundland and many other locations. He served over 16 years in foreign countries and earned numerous awards - most notably the Meritorious Service Medal and AF Commendation Medal.

His most memorable tour was at Laon Air Base, France, where he served as Chief of Maintenance for the base commander's squadron and two radio-relay stations, providing all communications between the Laon Air Base and the rest of the world.

During his time overseas, he played tenor saxophone and was a vocalist in an AF jazz band. He was also a great basketball player on several AF base basketball teams.

He ended his AF service the same place it started at Tinker Air Force Base, where he served as Maintenance Superintendent for the 3rd Combat Communications Group. Following his lengthy active duty Air Force career, he served as a technical writer, a USAF civil service employee, and as Crest Food Stores greeter.

Joe was an avid reader all of his life. The family would like to thank all of Joe's great neighbors and friends in the Stone Meadows neighborhood who looked out for Joe in his later years - always providing refuge from the storm.

His wife, Irmgard Anne Lambert; his daughter, Patricia Lee Lambert, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and his older sister, Lois Karamozous, of New York, NY, preceded him in death. His younger sister, Dianne Auzenne, resides in Baton Rouge, not far from their childhood home. Joe and his wife Anne raised five children - Annette R. Pate (George Wayne - USAF), Leane L. DeFrancis (Anthony - U.S. Army), Joseph R. Lambert (U.S. Army), Reiner W. "Mike" Lambert - USN (Lynn M. - USAF), and Patricia L. Lambert. They have three grandchildren - Trisha R. Pate, Michael G-J. Lambert, and Bond L. Cavazos (Aaron Joseph). Anne and Joe have one great-granddaughter, Colette Marie Cavazos.