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He was born April 7, 1938, at Moorehead, to Ralph and Lula (Plotner) Jaynes. He was raised in Kansas and Missouri and attended school at Neosho, Mo.

He served in the U.S. Army for 26 years. He had served in Germany, Korea, and Vietnam. Stateside he served at Fort Riley, Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Devans, Mass., Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort Walter, Texas. He served as an advisor to the Connecticut National Guard and was on the ROTC Staff at Pittsburg State University. He was awarded several medals for his services including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

He was also employed at Pitsco Inc. as a warehouse manager from 1988-1992. He and his wife also spent several years traveling in America doing volunteer work for the state and U.S. Corps of Engineers.

He married Beverly Badart in April of 1959 at Miami, Okla. She preceded him in death in March of 1975.

On July 31, 1977, he married Shirley Lake in Miami, Okla. She survives of the home.

Survivors also include two daughters, Briana K. Redlon of Frontenac, and Lisa M. Strukel of Girard; two sisters, Betty J. Vickers of Pineville, Mo., and Peggy A. Jaynes Doyle of Roseland; one brother, Harold E. Jaynes of Weir; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Christy Lee Jaynes; and one brother, Sammie Jaynes.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 26, at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, Pittsburg, with Vic Nance conducting the service. Burial will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery. Graveside rites will be conducted by Fort Riley Funeral Detail Team. A visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Bath-Naylor Home, Pittsburg. Friends may call at the funeral home after 3:30 p.m. today. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg.

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