



## Joseph Finlaw Hackett

January 4, 2013

Joseph Finlaw Hackett, 85, of Upper Pittsgrove Township, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones at his home on January 4, 2013. The son of the late Samuel and Annie E. Hackett, Joseph was born on a farm in Quinton Township and at the age of 15, would move with his family to the Garrison Farm just outside of Elmer. Joseph was a 1944 graduate of Woodstown High School and would eventually go on to earn his B.A. at the University of Maryland in 1965. After high school, he would play semi-pro baseball with the Elmer Baseball Club as he was a lifelong baseball player and fan, and would later enlist with the U.S Army in 1950 where he served his country until he retired from the army in 1969. During his service, Joseph would serve in Vietnam from 1966-1967, earn a Bronze Star, served in counter-intelligence and was fluent in Spanish and German. After the Army, he worked for NJ DYFS in Cumberland County and would retire from there in 1991.

Joseph is survived by his sons Joseph F. Hackett, Jr. and his wife Mary Ellen of Wardensville, West Virginia and Steven B. Hackett of Jupiter, Florida; his longtime companion Theodora Trent; his grandchildren Mary Jo Johnston, Kevin, Jacob and Scott Hackett; his great grandchildren Trent and Trevor Johnston; his niece Janet Arledge; and his nephews William, Jr., Sammy, Jr.

and Ed. In addition to his parents, Joseph was predeceased by his brothers Sam and Bill Hackett.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 11AM at the East View Cemetery in Salem. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that contributions be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or go to [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or donate to the charity of your choice. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

East View Cemetery  
43 Country Club Road  
Salem, NJ 08079