

James Earl Mangrum of Mt. Juliet passed away July 4.

Mangrum entered the U.S. Army at age 18, earning the rank of Sergeant in the 40th Infantry Division during the Korean War. He retired from Ford Glass Plant after 30 years of service to devote his life to missionary work. He took 65 mission trips to Honduras and 39 trips to other countries. He was a member of Hermitage Church of Christ and helped with the Meals on Wheels delivering food to those who needed it.

He is preceded in death by his 1st wife and mother of his children, Elizabeth Mangrum; parents Bertrand and Audrey Mangrum; stepdaughter, Carolyn Chandler; sister, Betty O'Neil.

He is survived by wife, Jean J. Mangrum; daughters, Mary M. Bennett (Tommy) and Linda M. White; stepdaughter, Jean Claire Chandler; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers, John Mangrum (Nancy) and Charles Mangrum (Juanita).

A funeral service was conducted Saturday, July 7 at the Hermitage Funeral Home Chapel with Brother August Ruff and Don McAllister officiating. Burial followed in the Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family was Friday, July 6 and Saturday until the service.