

## John James Liska

Birth: September 12, 1920

Death: February 4, 1999

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Longtime Eagle River resident John James Liska, 78, died Feb. 4, 1999, at Alaska Regional Hospital. Visitation was held at Evergreen's Eagle River funeral Home, 11046 Chugiak Drive. A funeral was at Fort Richardson's Main Post Chapel. Burial with full military honors followed at Fort Richardson National Cemetery. Pallbearers were Randall Liska, Danny Maroney, Adrian McCaa, Mike Bourland, Ronald Liska and John James Liska Jr.

Mr. Liska was born Sept. 12, 1920, in Carrington, Ohio. He served 23 years in the U.S. Army and attended Quartermaster School, Airborne School at Fort Bragg, N.C., and two years of college while in the Army. Mr. Liska served during World War II, the Korean conflict and during the Vietnam era. His honors included the Army commendation Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (1<sup>st</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster), Master Parachute Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal, U.N. Service Medal, two letters of commendation and nine letters of appreciation. He was a disabled American veteran. Mr. Liska also was a charter and life member of the 187<sup>th</sup> Airborne Regimental Combat Team known as the "Rakkasans". After retiring as a chief warrant officer for the U.S. Army, Mr. Liska owned and operated Liska Greatland Taxidermy, Alaska Bee Pollen and Honey, and Liska Apiaries. In 1983, he was elected and served as a state representative, representing Eagle River and Chugiak. Mr. Liska was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, a member of the American Beekeeping Association and a charter member of the Elks. His family said: "John was a man of many words and had a heart full of warmth and love for his family and Alaska. John loved Alaska for its wild places, hunting and fishing. He was active in his community and concerned for the well-being of his fellow Alaskans. He was very proud to serve as a legislator in the Alaska House of Representatives. John's cherished hobby was beekeeping. His prized Alaskan water-white honey received numerous awards nationwide. John has the love and respect of his entire family and will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Liska of Eagle River; daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn and Dave Azzaline of Wisconsin, Cynthia and Adrian McCaa of Anchorage, and Lorraine and Danny Maroney of Fairbanks; son and daughter-in-law, Randall and Gale Liska of Eagle River; sons, John Liska jr. and Ronald Liska; two sisters, Wilma Davis and marguerite Masters; brother, Dave Liska; and grandchildren, Kirk and Nicole McKenna and John and Hunter McCaa. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 363 Chugiak 99567

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Burial:  
Fort Richarson National Cemetery  
Fort Richarson  
Anchorage Borough  
Alaska, USA  
Plot: K, 0, 73