



United States Marine Private First-Class Orville Allen Hutchison

April 10, 1923 - November 21, 1943

United States Marine Private First-Class Orville Allen Hutchison from Brookfield, MO. was killed in action during World War II at Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands on Sunday, November 21, 1943, at the young age of 20.

At 1:00 pm. Monday, September 9, 2024, United States Marine Private First-Class Orville Allen Hutchison will be laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery, Brookfield, MO. with Full United States Marine Military Funeral Honors conducted by the United States Marines. Services are under the direction of the Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

Orville Allen Hutchison was born the son of the late Jarvis Detmer and Emma Florence (Mallet) Hutchison on April 10, 1923, in Chillicothe, MO. Orville was raised in Brookfield, MO. along with his three siblings, Carl Edward Hutchison, Alice Irene Hutchison Pipes, and Florence Hutchison Ensor.

Orville entered the United States Marine Corps on June 14, 1941 in St. Louis, MO. Orville served with the King Company, Third Battalion, 8th Marines in the Guadalcanal campaign and the battle of Tarawa.

In the battle of Tarawa operation GALVANIC that commenced on Saturday, November 20, 1943. When the Third Battalion, which included the Kings Company, began heading towards Beach Red 3 to support the heavily engaged BLT (Battalion Landing Team) 2-8, when the amphibious, LCVPs (Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel also known as a Higgins Boat) slammed into a coral reef and stopped. The ramps went down and the marines aboard

jumped out into the water over their heads. Some drowned, while the others faced heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Only about a hundred made it to shore. The Kings Company survivors, including PFC Orville Hutchison, were sent to hold the left flank of the Marine line, and they endured heavy machine gun and sniper fire for the rest of the day.

PFC Orville Hutchison survived the first day of his first battle, but unfortunately not on his second day. He succumbed to gunshot wounds on Sunday, November 21, 1943. PFC Orville Hutchison was declared a casualty of World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart. PFC Orville Hutchison's remains were unidentified for over 80 years, until the Department of Defense and Defense POW/MIA accounting agency program matched his DNA against the DNA of family members and through these methods, PFC Orville Hutchison was identified.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Park Circle Drive
Brookfield, MO 64628

Previous Events

Graveside Services with Full Military Honors

SEP 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know the man personally or his family. Just his great niece Cheri green. And it gives me a great honor to say something to a fellow service man. This man showed a lot of courage joining up a 20 years old. at a time when the country was in turmoil.. This man was just one of many from the greatest generation ever in the history of the world. I offer my sincere condolences to the family and a big hand salute at attention of course.I was not a Marine I did serve in the US Navy. I don't know what they say in the Marines. But the Marines are the department of the Navy. So FAIRWINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS. YOU ARE HOME NOW YOU CAN REST IN PEACE. WE HAVE THE WATCH. GO IN PEACE MARINE. SHIPMATE A REAL AMERICAN HERO. GOD BLESS BEEN AN HONOR TO WRITE THIS. TAKE CARE EO1 LOJACONO UNITED STATES NAVY.

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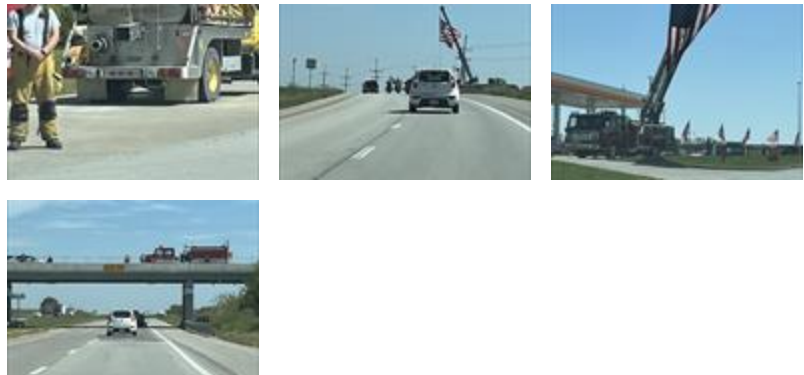
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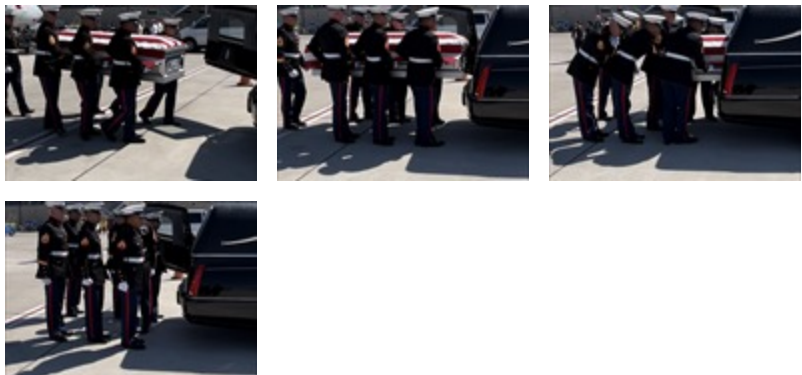
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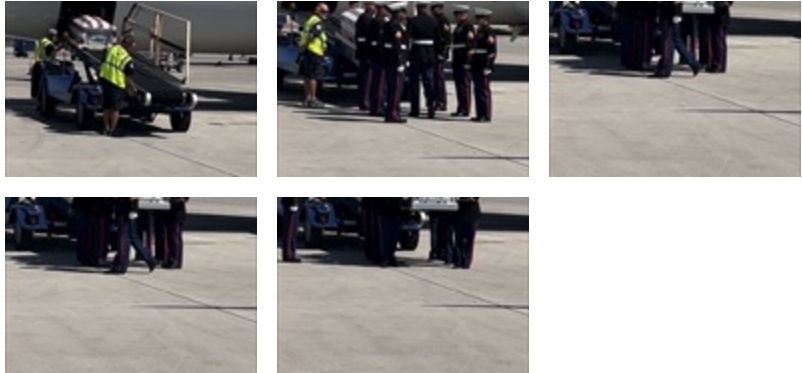
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“His Lord said to him, Well done, you good and faithful servant...”
Matthew 25:21.

PFC Orville Allen Hutchison was a member of K Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines when he was killed by a gunshot wound on Tarawa's Red Beach 3 on 21 November 1943. He was reported to have been buried in a "Division Cemetery" on Tarawa. Retired Police Chief Rick Stone, while a member of the Department of Defense in 2011/2012, investigated all of the unresolved Tarawa casualties and concluded that PFC Hutchison was a Most Likely Match to multiple Tarawa Unknowns buried in the Punchbowl Cemetery in Honolulu, Hawaii. In May 2020 and March 2022, PFC Hutchison's family contacted the Chief Rick Stone and Family Charitable Foundation for a comprehensive "Family Report" on his case. Subsequent investigations by Foundation investigators were able to determine that PFC Hutchison was likely in a group burial of "Unknowns" at only one site in the Punchbowl Cemetery. In August 2024, PFC Hutchison's family in Brookfield, Missouri announced the pending burial of PFC Hutchison on 9 September 2024. Inexplicably, PFC Hutchison continues to be listed as "Unaccounted For" on Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's "List of the Missing" web site.

Welcome home Marine! We share the joy of your family in your return! God Bless you and thanks to ALL who never forgot you and your service to our country!

Chief Rick Stone & Family Foundation - September 05, 2024 at 12:15 PM

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“ *May United States Marine Private First-Class Orville Allen Hutchison be finally laid to rest. Thank you for your service. 🇺🇸 Thoughts and prayers 🙏 for his family.*



Darla Miller - September 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM