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**A PLAQUE DEDICATION FOR THE LATE ALBERT “BUD” GETTEMEIER
IS SET FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT THE LAVIEILLE VILLE BUILDING
ON RUE ST. FRANCOIS BEFORE THE START OF THE LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT
FESTIVITIES**

Mayor Lowery is pleased to announce that the City along with Old Town Partners will be hosting a dedication to unveil a plaque in honor of the late Albert “Bud” Gettemeier. This will be the 47th Walk through History plaque in honor of someone who has made a valuable contribution to the City of Florissant. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. on the sidewalk at the LaVieille Ville Building located in the 800 block of rue St. Francois. The plaque dedication will take place before the start of the last Wednesday Night Out festivities which is being sponsored by Hendel’s Café from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Albert “Bud” Gettemeier was a lifelong resident of Florissant, served in foreign service during the Korean War, was active in the American Legion, as well as, his church, and established business owner in Florissant, building many of the homes & businesses that made up the boom of the city. Albert is the great grand-child of Franz Gittemeier, of the Gittemeier house. Family legend says he was actually born on leap day, but the doctor told his mother that his birthday should not be on leap day so she chose March 1st.

He was drafted for the Korean War in 1950 and served from November 28, 1950 – August 28, 1952. He served in the Army Co. B 44th Armored then 3rd Division, 10th Field Artillery Headquarters Battalion. He achieved the rank of Corporal and earned the Korean Service Medal, 3 Bronze Stars and the VN Service Medal.

He was a 68-year Honorary Life member of the Florissant Valley American Legion Post 444. Gateway member of the VFW/Voilture 448. Active member with the Valley of Flowers committee from 1971 until 2010 where he helped organized the Queen’s Dinner and working the car show and was the Valley of Flowers Lord of the Court. Member of the Home Builders Association, Historic Florissant, and other various civic organizations.

Was married to Sharon Allen for 69 years and was the first couple to get married at Our Lady of Fatima Church. They raised four children and Bud was the proud grandfather of 11 grand-children and 16 great-grandchildren. Albert Gettemeier was devoted to Family, Church and Community.