



## Alex Ridings

May 22, 1924 - May 1, 2017

Alex Ridings, age 92, passed away Monday, May 1, 2017 at his home in Kingston, Tennessee. He was the 12th child born to Alex and Susan Ridings at Alcoa, Tennessee on May 22, 1924. He moved to Walland, Tennessee as a young child when his mother married Sam Ogle. He graduated from Walland High School before joining the Navy. While serving in WWII, he was missing for 30 days after his ship was sunk by a Japanese Suicide Plane. Alex (also known as Bill) attended the University of Tennessee after being honorably discharged from the Navy. He married Rose Manning on June 7, 1946 at the First Methodist Church in Maryville, Tennessee. After receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Tennessee, he was called back into service during the Korean Conflict, after being honorably discharged again from the Navy, he worked for a short time at Fulton Sylphon Company. TVA hired him at the Kingston Steam Plant in 1954, where he retired in 1987 as results supervisor.

Alex is survived by his wife of 70 years, Rose; son Jan Manning Ridings(Linda) of Kingston and Maryville, TN; daughter Eva Ridings Walker (Arthur) of Cherokee, AL; son Ben Leonard Ridings of Kingston, TN; 3 grandchildren Tina Rose Ridings Fuller (Tracy); Walter W. Walker (Karen); Katherine Walker Ingle; 5 great grandchildren Linda Ingle; Vanessa Ingle; John-Alex Stone Fuller; Tracy Manning; Taylor Walker; 3 great great grandchildren Gavin Handschumaker; Daniel Handschumaker; Mason Fuller.

Alex was very proud of his five generations. A special thank you to Maryanne Hughes, RN for her kindness and loving care.

The family will receive friends from 5pm until 7pm Friday May 5, 2017 at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston. Funeral will follow at 7pm in the Kyker Chapel. Burial 1pm Saturday at West Millers Cove Cemetery in Walland. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Millers Cove Cemetery Association 931 East Millers Cove Walland, TN.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR KINGSTON CHAPEL  
PO Box 69, 350 W Race St  
Kingston, TN 37763  
(865) 376-6531  
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## Service

MAY 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

MAY 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

West Millers Cove Cemetery  
Walland, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alex Ridings*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - May 03, 2017 at 11:35 AM

SL

“ *I will always remember his laugh and sense of humor. When I was young, I assumed that Bill and Rose were my aunt and uncle because our families visited each other so frequently. Good memories! My thoughts and prayers are with Rose, Jan, Eva, and Ben.*

*Susan Law*

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**Susan Law** - May 03, 2017 at 01:30 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - May 03, 2017 at 10:27 AM

KT

“ Ben, so sorry to hear about your dad. My condolences to you and your family at this time. I only met your dad once that I recall. He reminded me of my dad a little...not real talkative but a true partner to your mom. Wishing you calm and peace at this time.

*Karen Timmerman*

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**Karen Timmerman** - May 03, 2017 at 09:37 AM

LB

“ Dear Rose and family,

*Rose, you have and inspiration to me since I met you years ago. Alex must have been a wonderful man for you to have chosen him as a mate. May God comfort you and be with you each day.*  
*Leota Bennett*

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**Leota Mac Trapp Bennett** - May 03, 2017 at 06:56 AM

BT

“ *Mr. Ridings was always a joy to be around. Countless days at the dining room table playing RISK, he would listen to our noise and offer an occasional comment that brought us back to our senses. Great sense of humor, and you always knew where you stood with him. I'll always remember him fondly, along with his wife Rose, who is a treasure for so many of us.*

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**Bob Timmerman** - May 02, 2017 at 07:41 PM