



## Donald "Chet" Chester May

February 19, 1951 - September 2, 2024

Donald Chester "Chet" May was born on February 19, 1951 to John H. (Tom) May and Imogene Coley May of Harriman, Tennessee. He passed away Monday, September 2, 2024 at home in Kingston, Tennessee surrounded by his wife, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Debra Phillips May, his son Darren Chris May (Sherry), his daughter Crystal Deskins (Carl), granddaughter and special nurse Autumn Roberts (Kyle), granddaughter Amber Schubert (Gage), granddaughter Aubrie Huff (C.J.), grandchildren, Daniel, Hannah, and John Deskins, great-grandsons Dallas and Gunner Schubert. He is also survived by his sister Clella Dixon and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. The family especially wants to thank their special family friend Steven Bales, special caregiver who he loved, Audrey Phillips and they also want to send out a special "thank you" to Quality Private Duty Care, Buckeye and Amedysis for their care and services.

Chet May was one of a kind- someone who, once met, you would never forget. Though a bit fiery and quite opinionated, he was a hard worker, and fiercely loyal. A great provider, he loved his family dearly. He loved drinking his coffee in the mornings out by the pool, when the weather cooperated, surrounded by his animals. He loved working outside on his tractor, around his yard and enjoyed putting out his garden each year. He never was one to sit still. Though his wife and daughter loved going to the beach, he wasn't a big

fan, but he would take them. He did, however, love going for drives in the mountains, especially in the fall. He loved spending time with his family, and especially doted on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be sorely missed and leaves some gaping holes behind- though they will be filled with lots of love and fond memories. Chet is finally at rest and no longer in pain, at home in heaven with his parents. Rest well Daddy- we love you.

Graveside Service 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2024 in Bethel Cemetery at Fairview with Bishop Tommy Patterson and Reverend Jimmy Russell officiating. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the May Family.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Fairview Cemetery  
127 Manor Road  
Kingston, TN 37763

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie, I just learned of Chet's passing this past week. I pray for peace and comfort for your family. He will be missed on this side of Heaven.* ”

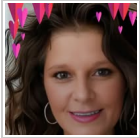


Howard and Joyce Hendrickson - November 24, 2024 at 11:34 PM

KK

“ *Debbie and family, I'm so sorry about Chet. He was one of a kind. I always enjoyed seeing and talking to him. He was a hoot to know. Thinking of all of you and lifting you up in prayer.* ”

kim Henley Kennedy - September 08, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ *I am glad to have known him and his wife. They gave me one of my first jobs cleaning house and his son and I went to school together. Prayers going up for Chris and Debbie and family.* ”

Cyndi Griffin - September 04, 2024 at 07:54 AM

BM

“ *My sincere condolences to Debbie, Chrystal and Chris. I regret that I am going to miss the graveside because I'm not in state. I admired him so much. Chet was truly a good old soul. 🙏* ”

Brenda Massey - September 03, 2024 at 11:14 PM

CF

“ Clella, Fred, Amy and families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donald "Chet" Chester May.



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**Clella, Fred, Amy and families** - September 03, 2024 at 10:33 PM

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“ Clella, Fred, Amy and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Chet" Chester May.

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**Clella, Fred, Amy and families** - September 03, 2024 at 10:33 PM

DF

“ Deskins Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald "Chet" Chester May.



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MS

“ Chet is indeed someone you will never forget. I met him in Mrs. Upton's first grade class at Little Emory Elementary. He was a charming first grader and so cute! That was 1957. So long ago or was it just yesterday?  
Go rest on that mountain, Chester May! Your memory will be everlasting.



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**Marcia Collins Smith** - September 03, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald "Chet" Chester May.



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September 03, 2024 at 03:16 PM