



Dr. Earl Craig Beard, DDS

February 2, 1927 - July 5, 2016

Funeral services for Dr. Earl Craig Beard, DDS, 89, of Kingston will be held Thursday, July 7, 2016, at Kyker Funeral Home.

Friends are invited for visitation from 1:30-3:00 pm, with funeral services beginning at 3:00 pm. Graveside interment to follow at Roane Memorial Gardens.

Dr. Earl Craig Beard was born February 2nd, 1927, to Earl Reece Beard and Robbie Mae Pittman Beard of Lake Village, Arkansas. He entered this temporary home with his twin brother, Pittman Beard. The two spent 89 years together as best friends and loving brothers to their little sister, Lillian.

Dr. Beard graduated from Arkansas A & M with a degree in Forestry. He continued his education, earning a Doctorate of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Tennessee Memphis in 1961. He went on to open a local practice happily serving his community of Kingston TN for 51 years.

He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, an avid fisherman, and a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, and uncle, and a member of Union Lodge #38 F. & A.M.

He was predeceased by his parents Earl Reece Beard and Robbie Mae

Pittman Beard and his loving wife of 59 years, Dr. Carolyn A. Beard.

He is survived by his son, Reece Beard, Daughter and Son-in-law, Delia and Carlos Zamarripa, grandchildren: Sherrill Rhea, Sherrie Beard, Austin and Holly Zamarripa, his twin brother and sister-in-law, Pittman and Mary Ruth Beard, his sister, Lillian Moorefield, and many special nieces and nephews.

Dr. Beard passed peacefully Tuesday, July 5th at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.

His absence leaves the world in which he thrived with a void, but after 89 years, and accolades of selfless-sacrifice, fueled by mountains of success, distinguished by the Christian example he always set, he will echo in the hearts of everyone he touched.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Delia C. Anderson Library c/o First Baptist Church, 215 N. Kentucky Street Kingston, TN 37763.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

RT

“ RIP KAREN FARMER BEARD.

robert tilley - January 23, 2021 at 10:12 AM

PK

“ Thinking of the family at this time.

Kingston OES



Pam Kirthlink - July 13, 2016 at 10:14 AM

DC

“ A fond fairwell to a great classmate from the UT College of Dentistry. When we began our professional training most of us were in our early 20s while Craig and his good wife Carloyn were about 10 years older. They seemed to want to take care of us "kids" and the kindnesses from Craig and Carolyn were most appreciated. Dr. Carolyn has been gone for several years and now they hae both moved on to be together forever. Thanks for the memories.
Joseph (Jay) Childress, DDS MS
Class of 1961

Dr Jay Childress - July 07, 2016 at 01:03 PM

DZ

Thank you Dr Childress

Delia Beard Zamarripa - July 07, 2016 at 09:20 PM

VO

“ For many decades, Dr Beard has been a dear friend and a constant fixture at our pharmacy. We have pictures of him and the "coffee club" sitting at our little coffee bar where the fellas would joke and laugh and poke fun with each other. We had the privilege of being friends with he and Carolyn for all of these years. He was a constant source of laughter and fun and good conversation. He was an encouragement and source of joy for all of us. Cam, Daddy and I cherished the fact that we were able to know him and call him our friend. I (Vanessa) was able to talk and laugh with him just 2 days before he went into the hospital. I'll always remember that talk. We are praying for peace and comfort for the entire family. We are also thankful that he now is with the Lord and reunited with his precious Carolyn.

Blessings,
Vanessa O'Briant

Vanessa O'Briant - July 07, 2016 at 11:48 AM

DZ

Thank you Vanessa, he loved his starting his mornings at the coffee club

Delia Beard Zamarripa - July 07, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Earl Craig Beard, DDS.



July 06, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Earl Craig Beard, DDS.*



July 06, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Earl Craig Beard, DDS.*



July 06, 2016 at 01:10 PM