



George H. Lockett

December 29, 1921 - January 7, 2016

George H. Lockett, attorney, 94, of Harriman passed away on Thursday, January 7, 2016. He was the loving husband of Mary D. Lockett for more than 56 years and the father of Karen Neal (Clayton), Mary Jane (Michael) Boyd and Lisa Gilliam (Mike). He was the fun-loving grandfather of Clifton Neal, Megan Neal, Caitlin Neal, Phil Boyd and Bryce Gilliam.

He was born on December 29, 1921 in Jonesville, TN, the son of R.P. and Sallie Lockett. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary D. Lockett, his brother, Barkstill Lockett and sister, Mattie Belle Lockett. He is survived by his nephew Robert F. Lockett (Marianna).

He was a member of Trenton Street Baptist Church since 1934, and served the church as teacher of the Baraca Sunday School Class, deacon, trustee, choir member and church clerk.

He graduated from Harriman High School in 1937. In World War II, he rose to the rank of S SGT in the Army Air Corps and served as a radio operator on B-29s in the Pacific Theater. He graduated from Mississippi State College, U.T. and U.T. Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1951 and began private practice in Harriman in 1954.

In service to his beloved community he worked as City Attorney to Harriman. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rites Mason and was past president of the Rotary club, where he maintained perfect attendance for many years. He served as a trustee to Carson-Newman University for 12 years. He was also the special invited guest of the Harriman Christmas parade for over 40 years.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 – 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 12th at Trenton Street Baptist Church with a service in celebration of his life at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow at Roane Memorial Gardens. In the spirit of George Lockett and the love and service he shared with his church, the family is requesting no floral arrangements but memorials to be given to Trenton Street Baptist Church, 519 Trenton Street, Harriman, TN 37748.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Trenton St Baptist Church
519 Trenton St
Harriman, TN 37748

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EP

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. We would loved to have had more time to discuss our family history with him. We know he will be greatly missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Everett and Carol Crowe Phillips - January 17, 2016 at 02:11 PM

LS

“ My condolence to the Lockett family during this time. May you find comfort in God. Mr. Lockett was a fine person in his church and his community.

Larry Saffles - January 13, 2016 at 12:32 PM

PP

“ Mary Jane and the Lockett family,
I am sorry to hear of your Daddy's passing. I remember both of your parents as such kind and loving people. You are in my thoughts and prayers today.

Paige Goodman Proffitt

Paige Goodman Proffitt - January 11, 2016 at 05:51 PM

MB

Thank you so very much, Paige. I feel the same about your precious parents. We truly hsve wonderful memories spending the night at each others home and enjoying the love of such wonderful parents. Yes, my childhood friend, we were so blessed to have some of the very best parents God could have ever blessed us with. Thank you so much for your heartfelt words. They mean more than I could ever say.

Mary Jane Boyd - January 12, 2016 at 07:28 AM

KP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Lockett's passing. Seems that all the great ones on Margrave Street are back together in heaven. Singing and laughing and rejoicing that their families are secure in the Lord and will see them soon. I used to babysit Karen Sue and always loved being in your home on Euneka Street. She cried the whole time I was there. Mom and Dad (Jim and Martha Long) loved it when they built the house on Margrave and I think Dad was a sidewalk builder. Mr. Lockett was a most respected man of TSBC and all the youth looked up to him. He had a strong voice in the choir and I loved hearing him behind me on Sunday mornings. All their gang will be together now and having fun as they did hear on earth. Mr. and Mrs. Lockett rest in peace together now and we all know we will see them again. God Bless You all.
Kathie Long Parks

Kathie Parks - January 11, 2016 at 08:11 AM

MB

Thank you so very much, Kathie.

Mary Jane Boyd - January 12, 2016 at 07:29 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George H. Lockett.



January 10, 2016 at 09:00 PM



“sitting here, staring at a blinking cursor that looks slightly blurry because of the tears brimming in my eyes, trying to condense into a few words, the many memories I have of your father. I can't remember a time when I didn't know "the Locketts," and some of my earliest memories are of times spent with your family.....the birthdays, holidays, cook-outs, church, family excursions, trips to the state parks or just tramping through the woods.....I have good memories of all of those times & of your father laughing with mine (and thanks to Dad, have pictures of most of those times). It's been almost 25 years since my own father died, and I can still remember, vividly, what Karen said to me after his memorial service about how fortunate we both were to have been born to the parents & families we had. We were all so blessed.....I realize that even more today than I did then. One of my thoughts upon hearing that Mr. Lockett had passed away, was that he & Dad were probably already up there in heaven laughing together again.

I remember your father riding on the City Fire Truck every year in the Harriman Christmas Parade....of Dad persuading him to drive Buicks instead of Cadillacs....of his Trenton St. Baraca Class singing all of the old hymns each Sunday morning (loudly)... of me & Suzy baking him a birthday cake in our Easy Bake Oven because your mother was not feeling well one year....of him capsizing his canoe at Fall Creek Falls....of him having Dad put Driver's Ed. brakes on the passenger side of your car when he was teaching you girls to drive....of watching your house being built on Margrave St, seeing his study for the first time & thinking that "I was going to have as many books as Mr. Lockett when I grew up." But possibly, the best thing I could write on this tribute page to him, was what my father told me just before he died...and that was, "...if I don't make it, & you ever need advice about anything at all....just ask George." That was how highly my father thought of yours, and the kind of man your father was....completely trustworthy & a great friend to others. These are just a few of my many memories of him, but I'm sure Mom, Suzy & Andy could add just as many of their own. So, to the entire Lockett family: but especially to, Karen, Mary Jane, Lisa &

cousin, Robbie Lockett: you have the deepest sympathy & heartfelt prayers of the entire Don Sexton family.

Amy, Peggy, Suzy & Andy Sexton

Amy Sexton - January 10, 2016 at 06:32 AM

MB

Thank you so much for your heartfelt walk down memory lane, Amy. Your kind words mean far more than I could ever express.

Mary Jane Lockett Boyd - January 10, 2016 at 11:19 AM

KN

Wow Amy! Just wow! Such a beautiful letter. Yes, we did have wonderful childhoods full of laughter and fathers who were so completely dedicated to us. Even in his last days, when Daddy did not remember many things, he still talked about the wonderful friendship he shared with your father. It was a bond between two great men, and we were blessed.

Karen Neal - January 10, 2016 at 11:37 AM

AH

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I loved George and Mary D with all my heart. They almost seemed like another set of parents growing up. I love you girls very much and you will always be in my prayers

Anita Phillips Huling - January 09, 2016 at 04:53 PM

MB

Thank you so very much, Anita. My parents thought so much of you. We all always loved hearing you sing. You've always been extra special to me. When you sang at my wedding I remember momma saying you "sounded like an angel" Daddy smiled and agreed. Love you

Mary Jane Lockett Boyd - January 10, 2016 at 11:23 AM

KN

Thank you so much, Anita, for your kind words. Our parents adopted many at TBSC. My mother always loved your amazing voice.

Karen Neal - January 10, 2016 at 11:38 AM

BG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Lockett's passing. He has left behind a wonderful legacy of both service and family. My love and prayers to all of the Lockett family.*

Brian Graves - January 09, 2016 at 04:20 PM

MB

Thank you for your kind words, Brian.

Mary Jane Lockett Boyd - January 10, 2016 at 11:24 AM

KN

Thank you Brian. You have also lived a life of service.

Karen Neal - January 10, 2016 at 11:38 AM

MC

“ *What a great man heaven has gained. Mr Lockett was a stable strong anchor at Trenton Street and a constant memory of my younger years growing up. He will be sadly missed but greatly remembered forever.*

Mimi Cooley - January 09, 2016 at 01:47 PM

MB

Thank you for your heartfelt words my childhood friend. We were so very blessed to have had two of the best sets of parents God could have ever blessed us with. ❤️

Mary Jane Lockett Boyd - January 10, 2016 at 11:26 AM

KN

*Thank you Mimi! We were always grounded with anchors, weren't we?
What a wonderful way to remember our dad.*

Karen Neal - January 10, 2016 at 11:40 AM

LM

“ HEAVEN GAIN ANOTHER „ANGEL GOD BLESS„AND PEACE
FOR ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS,,,,,,,,,,LINDA MOORE ,,
FACEBOOK

LINDA MOORE - January 09, 2016 at 11:40 AM

MB

Thank you so much for your kind words, Linda.

Mary Jane Lockett Boyd - January 10, 2016 at 11:28 AM

KN

Thank you, Linda.

Karen Neal - January 10, 2016 at 11:40 AM