



## Hoke Scott Culbertson

March 30, 1920 - January 4, 2024

Hoke Scott Culbertson, age 103, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Hoke was born March 30, 1920, in Surgoinsville, TN.

Hoke proudly served the United States Navy. WW2 Naval Service: Served on the following: USS Gridley DD380, USS O'Brien DD725, USS Turandot AKA-47. The ships he was on were involved in numerous major battles in the North and South Pacific. He considered his greatest honors as being part of the rescue of the crew of USS Helena from the Japanese held Solomon Island of Vella Lavella July 16, 1943, and laying of the wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier in 2010.

After 35 years of service as an electrician he retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Hoke was a proud 67-year Mason and a 50-year member of Union Lodge 38 of Kingston, TN, and the Knoxville Scottish Rite.

Preceded in death: First wife: Mary Katherine Guettner Culbertson, Second wife: Beatrice White James Culbertson.

Parents: Jephtha B. and Lissie Barrett Culbertson.

Brothers: Leon Culbertson, Kenneth Culbertson, Don Culbertson, Onzie Culbertson, Bob Culbertson.

Sisters: Muriel Culbertson, Jeanette Culbertson Carter, Lois Culbertson Haun.

Survived by numerous nephews, nieces, in-laws, stepfamily, and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Shriners Children's

Hospital.

Graveside service at 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2024, at Lawnville Cemetery with Reverend Jenny Caughman officiating. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Culbertson Family.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lawnville Cemetery  
1705 Lawnville Road  
Kingston, TN 37763

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ Hoke was a good man and mason. R. Alex Patton

R. Alex Patton - January 11, 2024 at 06:47 AM

MM

“ It was truly an honor to know Hoke. A great Christian, American, and a true friend. Prayers for the family.

Mike McCallie - January 08, 2024 at 08:26 AM

RS

“ Robert S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hoke Scott Culbertson.

Robert S. - January 07, 2024 at 08:39 PM

AT

“ I worked as front desk at canterfield of oakridge, I had the joy of seeing hoke every day he always knew how to make smile even blush sometimes. He was the sweetest man I know he would have me help with his online accounts and sometimes his cell phone. He was a one of a kind and I will never forget his sweet face or the way he smiled when he made me laugh. I love you hoke and I'll see you on the other side one day. ❤️ Ashley

Ashley Turpin - January 07, 2024 at 02:43 PM

TW

“ *I knew Hoke for only a short time and had limited interaction with him as a member of Union 38 Masonic Lodge. He was always a consummate gentleman and the epitome of a Mason. It was an honor to have known him ! Rest in peace Brother. ❤️*

---

**Thor Wilson** - January 07, 2024 at 02:09 AM