



James Elmer Burnette

May 2, 1916 - December 18, 2012

James (Elmer) Burnette, born May 2, 1916, left this earth for Heaven's rest on December 18, 2012

He was the son of Tom and Delilah Galyon Burnette and was the last survivor of their 7 children. Raised as a sharecropper, he became the sole support of his large family at a young age. He served in the US Army from 1944-1946 and was in the Invasion of Normandy. He was able to tell of his war experiences up until 6 weeks prior to his death.

His surviving children are Marvin & Sandi, Tommy & Kay, Louise & John Barnes, Sue & Steve Clark, Darrell & Rhonda, Dennis & Iva, Vanessa & Chris Francis. Rankin predeceased him in 2007. He was married to Estelle Gallihar Burnette who died in 2003. He has 21 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a beloved niece, Jessie Raby Wright & many nieces, nephews and friends.

The family acknowledges Dr. Sigrid Johnson & Susan Bell, Brenda Hooks, Linda Wray and Jenny Tilley and especially Adam Burnette who cared for him his last days.

We invite you to celebrate his 96 ½ years of living at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater on Friday Dec 21 from 4:00 till 8:00 and memorial & military service to be held at Cedar Fork Baptist, his home church for 66 years, on Saturday Dec 22, his 66th wedding anniversary at 2 p. m. with Rev. Clayton Dunsmore, Rev. Mark Richesin, and Rev. Chris Burnette officiating.

Memorials may be made to Cedar Fork Baptist Church or your charity of

choice. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Sherry and I were so saddend to hear of Elmers passing, May the loving hand of God reach down a comfort the entire family in this time of grief. God Bless You All.

Rick & Sherry Hood - Cincinnati , OH - December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Uncle Elmer left us with many great memories. We will cherish all the times together. He taught us and gave us many ways to act toward our fellow brothers. He will be missed. Uncle Elmer, go with God,until we meet again.

Gail Burnette Johnson, Pete Johnson and family - okeechobee, FL - neice - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

'F

“ I will always remember how quick Elmer was to smile. Thoughts, prayers and love to the family.

'Nette Moore - Ooltewah, TN - Family Friend - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ What a long and wonderful life, know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Glenn & Delorese Thompson - Sweetwater, TN - Friend - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ YOU REMAIN IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS OF GODS SPEED FOR PEACE TO COME.....

SUSAN SHULTZ - SWEETWATER, TN - SISTER IN CHRIST - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ WHEN WE WERE YOUNG WE NEVER IMAGINE THAT THIS DAY WOULD COME. OUR DAD'S COULD LIFT US HIGH , FIX EVERYTHING---BUT THEN WE TURN AROUND WE WERE THE ONES THAT TRIED TO FIX EVERYTHING AND LIFT THEIR SMILES ONE MORE DAY . YOUR FAMILY HAS NOW COME FULL CIRCLE--ELMER TASK WAS COMPLETED FOR GOD CALLED HIM HOME-----.AS HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON SAID HUMAN LIFE IS A STORY TOLD BY GOD.----- OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU NOW AND IN THE DAYS TO COME..

GARY & JUANITA JOHNSTON COOK - LOUDON, TN - COUSIN - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *with sincere sympathy, on the passing of your Father.*

Sherry McCaskill - Atlanta, GA - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My dear friend Vanessa, I am thinking about you during this trying time. Know that I love you and am always praying for you and your entire family! Your Daddy was a wonderful man and is enjoying himself right now with your Mama, Rankin and the rest of his family and friends who have left before us. You know I am always here for you no matter what! Be strong my friend and we will see your sweet Daddy in Heaven one day!*

Stacey Shamblin - Lenoir City, TN - Friend - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *So sorry for your loss. He will be missed. May God have his big arms around you during your time of sadness.*

cathy king - sweetwater, TN - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ May God give each of you comfort and peace during this difficult time. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you.

Sara Johnson - Lenoir City, TN - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ It was my honor and privilege to know and treat Mr Burnette. He was a true gentleman, a wonderful and always positive person. God bless the entire family. xoxo

Sigrid Johnson - Sweetwater, TN - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ It was my pleasure to get to know Elmer after researching my family tree and discovering that Gr. Grandmother's name was Louisa Burnette the same as a high school classmate. To ake a long story short, Tommy and Louise whom I had attended highschool with arranged for me to visit him.

Elmer was gracious, courteous and kind, not to mention humerous. Elmer and muself being a slight bit hard of hearing(?) I sat right next to his easy chair so we could talk. Not realizing that he was studing me until he said while rubbing his finger down the bridge of his nose," you must have some Burnette in you from the look of your nose."

God Bless you Elmer and thank you for your part in making this world a better place.

Jimmy Morris

Jimmy Morris - Hiram,, GA - i/2 2nd cousins twice removed!?? - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ thoughts and prayers are with you. May God be with you. Elmer will be missed but we all know we will see him again in eternity. he is now visiting all the other angels in heaven.

geraldine burnette simmons, tony, edward, randy, jerry,terri and - okeechobee, fl, decatur tn and ft - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Elmer was my friend for many years, I will miss him here on earth, but we will meet again on Heaven's bright shore.

Clayton Dunsmore - Sweetwater, TN - Pastor/friend - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM