



James Kenneth Crabtree

June 11, 1925 - November 1, 2017

James Kenneth Crabtree of Columbia, South Carolina, died November 1, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 November 9, 2017 at Dunbar Funeral Home, Dutch Fork Chapel with Pastor Dwayne Woosley officiating. Burial will follow at Green lawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Jim was born June 11, 1925 at Rockwood Landing Bend in Roane County, Tennessee, to the late Maggie Easter and Grover Cleveland Crabtree.

Jim grew up in the Rockwood Landing Blue Springs Cove area. After the impoundment of Watts Bar Lake he moved with his family to Old Sweetwater, Tennessee. He attended schools both in Roane County and in Sweetwater. On March 22, 1944 Jim enlisted in the US Army and was attached to the 11th Airborne Division, Parachute Infantry Unit. On February 23, 1945, he participated in the liberation of the Japanese prisoner of war camp at Los Banos, Luzon. He was later wounded in action in the Philippines. Jim was discharged from the Army in May 1946. He re-enlisted in the Army in 1948, participated in the Berlin Airlift, served in South Korea, Fort Ord, California, and Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He retired from the army in 1966.

In retirement, Jim lived in Columbia, South Carolina, remaining active in his 11th Airborne unit reunions. He will be remembered for his outgoing personality and sense of humor. He was a devoted husband and father. Jim

loved his extended family and friends and especially enjoyed his time visiting Tennessee.

Jim was predeceased by his wife, Lucy Crabtree, his sister, Peggy Crabtree Johnson, brothers, Jack Patton Crabtree, Ted Gordon Crabtree, and Tower Lyon Crabtree. He is survived by his son Thomas and wife, Kristi, and grandson Corey of Lexington, South Carolina, sister, Kathleen Crabtree Dew of Knoxville, and brother, Joseph Houston Crabtree, Sr. of Sweetwater. Jim is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and a devoted friend, Estelle Rhodes. Local announcement courtesy of Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

845 Leesburg Rd.
Columbia, SC 29209

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Dunbar Funeral Home Dutch Fork Chapel
7600 Woodrow St.
Irmo, SC 29063

Funeral Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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