



John R. Skidmore

May 27, 1933 - November 28, 2018

John R. Skidmore, 85, of Kingston, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at the Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was born in Cawood, Kentucky to John and Ethel (Pope) Skidmore, on May 27, 1933. John was preceded in death by his mother and father, older brother, Bill Fields of Lexington, Kentucky, and younger sister, Mildred Abbott, of Cawood. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Henry Skidmore, of Kingston, son Jay Skidmore (Denise), granddaughter Cadey Belcher and great grandson, Christian Griffin, and grandson Tim Griffin, all of Clarksville, Tennessee; daughter Julie Mincke (Henry), grandsons Jacob and Matthew Mincke of Hardin Valley, Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.

John was a member of First Baptist Church, Kingston, where he served as R.A. Leader, church clerk, and was a long-time deacon.

He was a USAF veteran, from 1952-1956 serving in Okinawa during the Korean War. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Tennessee Tech, and taught in high schools in Cumberland County and Roane County. John enjoyed many successful years coaching TSSAA basketball and golf.

After retiring from teaching, John worked for 7 years at Y12 in Oak Ridge. He then enjoyed employment as a greeter at Oak Ridge Walmart for sixteen years.

For several years, he was privileged to work as a Ranger at Lakeside Golf Course alongside supportive friends and fellow golfers. He was an avid fan of

University of Kentucky Basketball his entire life.

John loved people, and always enjoyed drinking coffee and visiting with neighbors and community friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 3pm Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the First Baptist Church. Memorial service will follow at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that, in Memory of John, consider giving someone a hug and telling them you love them.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
215 N. Kentucky Street
Kingston, TN 37763

Memorial Service

DEC 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John R. Skidmore*



Kyker Funeral Home - December 06, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Skidmore.*



December 07, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ *Sure am sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Skidmore. He was a longtime regular at the Hardees where I worked. We all loved him and never charged him for his coffee. He could tell me all about the people he used to coach. I am glad I got to know such a kind soul. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Sara ladd - December 06, 2018 at 09:23 PM



Thank you, Sara! John loved going to Hardees, and felt like you all were family. I appreciate your sweet post.

Nancy Skidmore - January 02, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - December 06, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ I fondly remember Mr. Skidmore in high school at RCHS. Living in Oak Ridge for a few years and then later on when coming into the area to visit my children, I often visited him when he was at work as a greeter at Walmart. We had some good wonderful talks about the past and present. He is one that enhanced my life. The best part of all is knowing he was a Christian. I will surely miss him. Scott Cochran



Scott Cochran - December 03, 2018 at 03:30 PM



Thank you so much for sharing these memories, Scott!

Nancy Skidmore - January 02, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ Fond memories of John. Used to tease him about the bench sitters in front of what used to be a full service station in kingston. He was a goid Christian man I know God welcomes him home.

Patsy Ruppe - December 01, 2018 at 11:08 AM

NS

Thank you, Patsy! The Renfro Gang was the best! I appreciate your sweet words!

Nancy Skidmore - January 02, 2019 at 03:28 PM

EP

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Skidmore's passing. He will be missed.*

Everett and Carol (Crowe) Phillips - November 30, 2018 at 11:29 PM

KB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. John's passing. Loved working with him. He will be missed.*



Kim Barnett - November 30, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John R. Skidmore.*



November 30, 2018 at 04:40 PM

PD

“ *Patti Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of John R. Skidmore*



Patti Brown Davis - November 30, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Skidmore.*



November 30, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ *Bobbie Henry Hoskins lit a candle in memory of John R. Skidmore*



Bobbie Henry Hoskins - November 29, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ *So many good memories from the 20 years when I was neighbors with the Skidmore's. Enjoyed listening to the conversations between Boots and John. Now they can have that morning cup of coffee together again. Prayers and love for the family.*



Teresa Cook - November 29, 2018 at 09:07 PM



I have many good memories of John. He was a good man. Always so nice and kind to me. The memory I remember the most was about Patrick. When Patrick was very sick John was there. The day he came was the day Patrick passed away. I appreciated him being there so much. John Was a Gentle Giant. I Loved John very much. Prayers For The Family!

Bobbie Henry Hoskins - November 29, 2018 at 09:49 PM



Charlotte
Townsen

I remember Coach Skidmore when he coached at RCHS, I think your comment about giving someone a hug and I love you was such a tribute. I had never heard that stated like that so thoughtful of his family. Prayers for the family.

Charlotte Townsend - November 30, 2018 at 07:14 AM



TC

I knew Coach Skidmore through my friends at Kingston. Heard many good things about him and saw many of his basketball teams play. He was a fine man of the community who touched many lives both directly and indirectly. Rest in Peace and prayers of comfort for his family.

Tim Cofer - November 30, 2018 at 07:31 AM



DK

Coach was a good man - and respected by all. Prayers for Nancy and the family - may you rest in the knowledge that you will one day be together again.

Darlene Kolodi - November 30, 2018 at 12:20 PM



I've been acquainted with John for over 40 years. First as the basketball coach for RCHS, then later as a people greeter at Walmart. He was loved by and will be missed by so many.

Patti Stone - November 30, 2018 at 10:29 PM



VW

So sorry to hear of Johns passing he was a great person I worked with him at Walmart he was lived by many and will be greatly missed

Vickie Wilson - December 01, 2018 at 04:35 AM



BA

“ Sorry, but know he is at rest.

Beverly Allison - November 29, 2018 at 06:02 PM

DR

Great coach, great guy!

Dennis Richards - November 30, 2018 at 08:04 AM

JH

I was fortunate to know Mr. Skidmore as a teacher. He taught Driver's Ed and was so patient helping me get over my fear of driving across a bridge. I also knew him from church. He was a kind, compassionate man of God who lived his faith every day.

Janice Harrison - December 06, 2018 at 03:41 PM