



Lester J. Adkisson

September 28, 1925 - April 23, 2018

Lester J. Adkisson, 92, of the Midtown community, passed away Monday, April 23, at his home surrounded by his family. He was a longtime resident of the Midtown community in Roane County. Mr. Adkisson was a beloved father and husband. He will be greatly missed, but lovingly remembered. He was born September 28, 1925, in Stephens, TN, to Lillard Thurston and Ella Mae (Coffey) Adkisson. As a US Veteran, he served in the US Navy on board the USS Minos (ARL-14) during World War II as an electrician mate. Responsible for the industrial x-ray equipment, he retired after 36 years from the Y-12 Nuclear Facility in Oak Ridge, TN. one of his most admired skills was his ability to design and build log homes, do automotive repair, electronic devices and other projects for his family. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with friends and family throughout his life. He was also a community, political and religious activist and leader serving as Vice Mayor of Midtown, member of the Midtown Rotary Club, member of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Midtown and First Baptist Church, Kingston. He held lifetime membership in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 760 and the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted masons of Tennessee, Union Lodge #38, Kingston, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents Lillard (Bud) Thurston and Ella Mae (Coffey) Adkisson, sister and brother in law Gladys and Ed Tallant, brother and sister in law Paul and Glenna Adkisson.

Survivors include:

Wife Virginia Jo (Tilson) Adkisson of Midtown, TN;
Son Lester Wayne (Jane) Adkisson of Asheville, NC;
Daughters Jayne (Bob) Averitt of Bloomington, IN;
Donna (Richard) Esty of Oak Ridge, TN;
Grandchildren and great grandchildren Tonya Denise (Greg) Crisp, Quentin
Craig, Olivia Craig of Kingston, TN; Julie Erin (Ren ) Bartholomew, Sofia,
Lucas, Josef, Colin of Charlotte, NC; Miranda (Jason) Hatch, John of
Knoxville, TN; Beth Ann (Tim) Fleming, Hunter, Rees of Savannah, GA;
Sisters and brother in laws Audrey Bell of Bristol, TN; Jewel (Bill) Davis of
New Castle, IN; Beulah Copeland of Harriman, TN and many loving nieces
and nephews.

Funeral 2pm Sunday April 29, 2018 in the Kyker Chapel. Burial will follow at
Roane Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 12 Noon until
2pm Sunday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Cemetery Details

Roane Memorial Gardens

1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lester J. Adkisson*



Kyker Funeral Home - April 27, 2018 at 04:46 PM



“ *Love and miss you Papaw*



Tonya Dutton Crisp - May 07, 2018 at 06:30 PM

DR

“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Diane Ruple - April 29, 2018 at 09:40 AM

JC

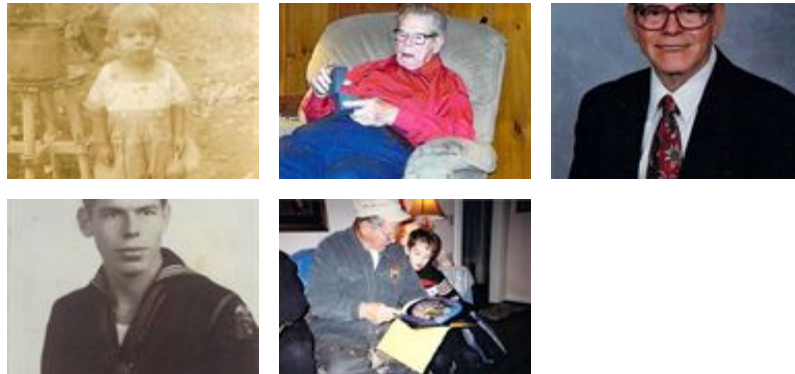
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Jim Copeland - April 28, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - April 27, 2018 at 03:25 PM

BA

“ *When you think of Midtown, you would think of Lester. He was a good caring man always willing to help his neighbor. I don't think anyone worked harder than Lester in making Midtown a city which it did become if only for a short time. Rest easy Mr. Vice Mayor, see you at the "House" my friend.*

Bob Alford - April 26, 2018 at 08:31 PM

GP

“ *Lester and I worked in the same building at Y-12 for about 5 years, although we were in different organizational units. We would see each other almost every day, and would often have time for some conversation. As a result, I came to know a little about him, and to gain some insight into his opinions, ideas, beliefs, and value system, plus his great sense of humor. I cannot say that we were close personal friends, but I did come to know, appreciate, and respect him, and would have liked to get to know him better.*

My family and I will be praying that the Lord will give you a special measure of comfort and peace.

*In Christ,
Gerald Pierce*

Gerald Pierce - April 26, 2018 at 05:23 PM

SP

“ *Lester was truly a great man, and a good friend. He had a deep love for his family, his friend, and the community he lived and worked in. He had a kind heart, and a gentle spirit, and most of all a true love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
He will be truly missed my many!
Steve Patterson*

Steve Patterson - April 26, 2018 at 09:33 AM

GJ

“ *Ginger Jones lit a candle in memory of Lester
J. Adkisson*



ginger jones - April 26, 2018 at 09:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lester J. Adkisson.*



April 26, 2018 at 08:15 AM



“ *Ann Taylor lit a candle in memory of Lester J. Adkisson*



Ann Taylor - April 26, 2018 at 07:31 AM



“ *Jeff & Lisa Miller lit a candle in memory of Lester J. Adkisson*



Jeff & Lisa Miller - April 25, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ *Bill & Jewel Davis lit a candle in memory of Lester J. Adkisson*



Bill & Jewel Davis - April 25, 2018 at 10:09 PM

BH

“ Lester was quite a man to say the least, and a good friend for many years. I'll never forget the many trips to Hickman County deer hunting and the good times we had. Those are cherished memories that will always be remembered and I'm thankful for them. Please accept my deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences for your loss. "Leck" will be missed by me as well as so many others.



Bobby Hodge

Bobby Hodge - April 25, 2018 at 09:23 PM

JN

“ I have always been so very proud of my Uncle "Leck," We had many enjoyable talks through the years though I have been away much of the time. He was a great man with high moral standards and a wonderful sense of humor. I will miss him very much!

Jack Nelson

Jack Nelson - April 25, 2018 at 03:07 PM