



## William A. Vandiver Sr.

May 6, 1923 - June 26, 2018

William A. Vandiver, Sr., age 95, of Waverly, TN., passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Jamestowne Assisted Living in Kingston, TN. During WW II, Mr. Vandiver entered the Merchant Marines and was discharged as a Lieutenant Commander, Chief Engineer. After the war, he worked 30 years with TVA and retired as an Assistant Operating Supervisor. During his life, he was a published author, built 2 cars, and an airplane which he flew. Mr. Vandiver was preceded in death by his parents Ponce A. and Lillian May Vandiver, wife Roberta D. Vandiver, son Barry Vandiver, and brothers P. A. and Clayton Vandiver. Survivors include a son, Bill Vandiver and wife Elaine of Kingston, Kaye Vandiver of Pfafftown, NC, 3 grandchildren, Julie Helton (Chad), Jennifer Jones (Anthony), and Brian Vandiver (Rebecca), and 7 great grandchildren. Family visitation will be Monday July 2, 2018, from 2-3:00 PM at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston with funeral service immediately afterwards at 3 PM. Burial will be Tuesday July 3, 2018, at 1 PM (central time) at Valhalla Cemetery in Birmingham, Ala.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
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## Service

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## Burial

JUL 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Valhalla Cemetery  
839 Wilkes Road  
Birmingham, AL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William A. Vandiver Sr.*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - June 29, 2018 at 02:05 PM

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“ Billy (That’s the name I knew you by while we were growing up.), I was so sorry to read about Uncle Bill’s passing. I have often wondered how he was doing, and so my curiosity led me to Google him last Saturday. I was upset to realize that it was such a short time back and that you were all in Birmingham just a few weeks ago. Had we known, both Butch and I would have been there. Of course, I know you probably didn’t know how to get in touch with either one of us. I want you to know how much we loved your mom and dad. Even when our own father, your Uncle Clayton, was so close but never contacted us, Aunt Roberta, along with Grandmother Vandiver, remembered every birthday and every Christmas. After I finally met my dad as a teenager, he took me on vacation with his second wife, Mary, to Waverly, TN, and I finally met Uncle Bill and Aunt Roberta. You and Barry were at a summer camp of some kind, so I first met you at Daddy’s funeral. Your parents’ kindness made me feel close to the family I longed to know. I loved them both, and so did my mother. She always said Bill was her favorite Vandiver. I spoke on the phone with Uncle Bill twice in my life, for almost an hour each time: once after Aunt Roberta passed and again after Barry’s sudden death. It was so nice to feel close to him even under those sad circumstances. He talked about each one of them in such loving ways, sharing beloved stories of their lives. Please accept my deepest condolences. I rejoice at the idea of a glorious reunion in Heaven.

*With all my heart,*

*Frankie Vandiver Smith*

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**Frankie Smith** - July 15, 2018 at 09:20 PM

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“ *Elaine, Bill, and Brian and Extended Family,  
Just a note to let you know I am so sorry for your loss and am  
thinking of your entire family. Praying that God will give you peace  
and strength to get through this difficult time.  
With Much Love and Sympathy! Dave, Cindy, Laura, and Aaron  
Fielden*

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**Cynthia Fielden** - June 29, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ *38 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - June 29, 2018 at 01:00 PM