



## Dixie Wayne Couts

June 17, 1930 - October 23, 2014

Dixie Wayne Couts, age 84, of Springfield died Thursday, October 23, 2014 at Skyline Medical Center after battling a progressive lung disease. He was surrounded by his loving family and spent his last days sharing memories and singing hymns. He continues giving to others in death, even as he did in life, by donating his body to Vanderbilt Medical University.

Visitation will be held Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 1:30 – 2:30pm at the Springfield Baptist Church with a Celebration of Life from 2:30 – 4pm officiated by Brother Martin Babb with music that he dearly loved.

Mr. Couts was born June 17, 1930 in Robertson County to the late Clifford and Sallie Mae Fiser Couts. He is a 1948 graduate of Springfield High School and 1957 graduate from U.T. In 1950 he married his loving wife of 60 years, the late Martha Ann Pope. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving for four years, had a successful 30 year career with Union Carbide in 9 different locations until his retirement in 1986 when he returned to Springfield. Soon after his retirement he started his second career in Real Estate that lasted 16 years. Mr. Couts also volunteered at the Senior Citizen's Center, was an organizer of Red River Watershed Association and was the producer of the Annual Southern Gospel Night for 21 years.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Couts is preceded in death by his brothers, Clifford Couts and Gerald Couts and by his sisters, Geraldine Riggs. Mr. Couts is survived by his daughters, Judy Hardin and her husband Chip of Olive Branch, MS, Kay Wade and her husband Jack of Goodlettsville and Lisa

Ketler and her husband Tim of Germantown; his brother, Wendell F. Cousts of Springfield; 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dixie's favorite motto was "Happiness is a State of Mind". He not only quoted it but also lived it by example.

In lieu of flowers his request was that memorial contributions be made to Holman Cemetery Trust Fund. All donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell. Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements. AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- 509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are praying for you and your whole family as you grieve for your precious Daddy. How thankful we are for the promise, "absent from the body, present with the Lord." We love you all and wish we could be there to give hugs and condolences. In His love, Pat and Beth

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**Pat & Beth Musgrave** - October 29, 2014 at 06:36 PM

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“ I loved Mr. Dixie Coutts and the family. His daughter, Lisa, was my best friend in high school. When I was a teenager, I spent lots of good times in their home in Florence. All were very fond memories! I even remember riding on the back of a motorcycle with him. They even had a surprise 16th birthday party for me at their house. I was able to visit him a couple of times when the family moved to Springfield. So glad I stopped by 3 years ago to visit when I was in Nashville. He was always one of these people that you loved to be around. I still see that sweet smile and hear that kind voice. His name, Dixie, sure matched his personality. My prayers go out to Lisa and the entire family. Love to all!!!!!!

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**Shanda Piercy** - October 29, 2014 at 10:18 AM

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“ I am still at Wilton Baptist, what a parade of saints have come through those red doors. My prayers for you, and celebration of a life well lived. Loved the name Dixie, and the accent!!

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**Phyllis Boozer** - October 28, 2014 at 06:15 PM

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“ I have nothing but fond memories of the Courts family. They were such great Christian friends and I even lived with them for a short time. My love to Judy and Kay and Lisa and all of their families. Hugs and prayers from Texas.

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**Kathy Grieser (Payne)** - October 27, 2014 at 07:05 PM

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“ PRAYERS TO ALL WHO LOVED HIM!

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**DONNA KIRVEN CRADDOCK** - October 27, 2014 at 10:07 AM

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“ Dixie was such a sweet man. He and Martha were always so sweet to my mom. I am so sorry for your loss but what a gift Heaven has received! Much love and prayer!

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**April Watts Moore** - October 25, 2014 at 05:39 PM

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“ To all of Dixie's family.... My heart breaks for you. I feel so Blessed to have got to know such a great man as Dixie. And also his family. Thanks so much for sharing your great family holiday's with me. Those will always be precious memories to me. Love you all bunches. May God bring you peace.

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**Tansi Thress** - October 25, 2014 at 03:34 PM