



Douglas "Dee" Norman Covington

June 12, 1920 - September 5, 2012

Douglas Norman "Dee" Covington, age 92 years, of Goodlettsville, TN, passed from this world on Wednesday, September 5, 2012. He was born in Sumner County, TN, on June 12, 1920 to Charles Lafayette Covington & Alice D. Fields Covington. He married Atlas Palmer in 1941, and they had four children together.

In addition to his parents and siblings he was preceded in death by wife of 37 years, Martha Pulley Mickle; son, Douglas Norman Covington; and grandson, Justin Mahler.

Dee lived a full, rich and eventful life. Everyone will remember with smiles and outright laughter, the cheerful & generous man who enriched the lives of all he touched.

He was a Sergeant in the US Army with the 5th Armored Combat Infantry Division during WWII serving in England, France, and Germany. Dee was awarded three Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service and three Purple Hearts for Military Merit. He was a man of many talents and careers - a farmer, machinist/electrician at DuPont Cellophane, a school bus driver/trainer for 20 years with Metro (retiring in 1982), owner and operator of the Covington Grocery, a radio/TV repair shop, the Old Hickory Restaurant, Covington's Sewing Machine Service and Covington's Machine Quilting in White House and Springfield, a delivery driver for Purolator Courier, a real estate investor and a landlord of several properties. He was a craftsman who built a house, furniture, cabinetry and clocks. He created intricate inlaid wood and scroll woodwork and repaired clocks into his 90's. He especially enjoyed restoring antique clocks. Dee left many handmade treasures that friends and family will forever enjoy and appreciate.

A Celebration of his life will be held at the WHITE HOUSE CHAPEL of Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Saturday, Sept. 8 at 11:00am with Rev. Tim Stutler officiating.

A 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Dee was a member of Lodge #700 in White House since 1949 and a Shriner with the Al Menah Temple in Nashville since 1975. His leisure time was consumed by a passion for watching the Atlanta Braves, working in his carpentry shop, and feeding the ducks and birds daily who come into his backyard for their meals. Dee lovingly referred to his Longhair Dachshund, "Susie," as his four-legged girlfriend. Martha Pulley Mickle, his wife of 37 years, struggled for years with diabetes and Alzheimer's. Dee cared for her in their home until her death in 2006. Dee faced his second lung cancer diagnosis with courage and a positive spirit. Dee is survived by three

daughters; Lynda Zane (Jim Landureth), Evelyn Brown (Don), and Dea Young (Norman); stepson Charlie Mickle (Gloria); grandchildren, Mary Evelyn Denton (Roger), Marty Keith (John), Tracy Pike (Mark), Laurie Hulseley (Shaun), Jake Rittman (Kimberly), and Jennifer Underwood (Kenny); step-grandchildren – Carrie Mickle, Sarah Mickle, and Leigh Ross (Shane); 13 great-grandchildren, ages 1 to 23.

Visitation with the family will be on Friday, September 7, 2-8pm at Austin and Bell Funeral Home, WHITE HOUSE CHAPEL, 533 Highway 76, White House, with a Masonic Service honoring Dee at 7pm Friday. The family will also receive friends Saturday from 10-11am the hour of the service. The Interment will follow the service at 12:30pm with full Army military honors at the Hermitage Memorial Gardens, 535 Shute Lane, Old Hickory, TN. Family will serve as pallbearers. There will be no procession to the cemetery.

Since Dee was never able to enjoy flowers due to a lifelong allergy, the family requests that no flowers be sent. If anyone would like to make a donation in Dee's memory, please consider the "Kitchen Fund" of the Goodlettsville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 226 South Main Street, Goodlettsville, TN, 37072. The Church's ongoing ministry to the homeless of Nashville was close to Dee's heart.

A light has gone out in the lives of all who knew him, but his memory will live on in their hearts. The twinkle in his eyes, his caring heart, and his great exuberance for life will be missed. Dee was a unique and unforgettable father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, but most of all, he was a good man. Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Greenbrier Chapel was in charge of the arrangements. Phone 615.643.4000

Tribute Wall

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“ THANK YOU AGAIN MR DEE FROM EVERY VETERAN IN THE USA. FRED PARKHURST CHAPLAIN AMERICAN LEGION POST 48 SPRINGFIELD TN

FRED PARKHURST - September 11, 2012 at 06:37 PM

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“ Dee drove the bus when I was a child in Madison, before I started school I would wait for him every day, he would throw pencils out the window to me. He and Martha lived at the end of Vandiver Drive which is where we lived at the time. I later ran into him as an adult when he came into our shop in Portland, still smiling as always. Please accept my condolences for your loss. He was one of kind.

Debbie (Sorrells) Tate - September 08, 2012 at 03:35 PM

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“ Evelyn and Don,
We just read about your father online and want you to know we are thinking of you. Sorry we cannot see you at this time. Just know we are praying for your comfort, peace and rest.
Take care, Nancye and Newell

Nancye Sellers - September 07, 2012 at 05:15 PM