



John Wallace Darden

January 20, 1932 - June 28, 2014

John Wallace Darden, age 82, of Springfield, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2014 at Golden Living Center in Springfield. Funeral Services will be on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 11am in the Chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home with burial to follow at Elmwood Cemetery with Chris Jircitano, Andrew Shipley, Jerry Farmer, Bobby Payne, Jimmy Oliver, Jeff Walker, Winn Woodard and Joe White serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Andrew Wallace Shipley, Jonathon Anthony Jircitano, Matthew Wallace Shipley, Lyndon Nelse England, Samantha Jane England, Lucas Scott Morton, Annette Fowler, JoEllen Fowler, Greg Fowler, Bob Woodard, Vince Bagwell, Thurman Gregg, Tommy Powell, Dale Quillen, Clyde Richert, III, Jim Balthrop, Bobby DeBerry, Denny Choate, Gary DiOrio, The Donkin Family, Scott Morton, Kenneth Shipley, Ronnie England, Bob Bell, the Springfield High School Class of 1950, the Members of the Robertson County Commission and the Golfers and Members of the Springfield Country Club. Visitation with the family will be on July 1, 2014 from 3 – 8 pm, then again on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 from 9am until the time of service.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann MacCluney Darden; daughters, Donna Jo Darden Morton, Ann Bruce Darden (Chris) Jircitano, Mary Wallace Darden, Jane Elizabeth Darden; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-great children. John Wallace Darden was born to Wallace Fiser and Josephine White Darden on January 20th 1932 in Springfield TN. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Wilber White Darden and sister Ruby Katherine Darden.

He grew up on the Darden family farm which had been in the family for 4 generations. Mr. Darden graduated from Springfield High School and served as class president his senior year. He participated in FFA and was state president of the 4-H club where he excelled in public speaking. He participated in debate teams during high school and went on to become a public servant and county commissioner for the 11th district in Robertson County for 12 years. Within the county commission he chaired Building and Grounds for the Robertson County Health Dept., Chaired the EMS committee and served on committees establishing the new jail, the Robertson Co. volunteer fire dept. and the Robertson County Recycling center. JW raised Hereford cattle and farmed tobacco and row crops on a large farm in Springfield and Sadlersville, Ky. until the late 80s. He was an avid golfer and managed the Springfield Country Club for several years. He then went on to start a medical transportation business which he ran until he retired in 2005. He was a man who loved his family, his community and his country. He never met a stranger and always saw the best in people. He would have said his crowning achievement was being a father to his four daughters and dedicating his life to his wife and family.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to one of two community services: The Robertson County Senior Citizen Center or the Stokes Library.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield are in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- 509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD,
TN (615) 384-1000

Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Deepest sympathies to the family. We will miss Uncle John deeply and will cherish his memories always.
Love to all, Greg, Tammy, Kelsie and David*

Greg and Tammy Fowler - July 09, 2014 at 02:19 PM

JT

“ *REST IN PEACE JOHN PRAYERS FOR FAMILY*

joe tate - June 30, 2014 at 03:15 PM

MR

“ *Mrs Darden, Donna, Ann Bruce, Mary and Janie. Wanted you to know I am holding you all close to my heart. Our families go back a long way and have always cherished those memories. Know that you all are loved....I am so very sorry. Mary Jane*

Mary Jane (Fiser) Russell - June 30, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JP

“ *Please accept my deepest condolence for your loss. It was FABulous my honor & privilege to be part of his care team. JoJo*

Joe-Anna Parker - June 30, 2014 at 09:26 AM

JD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with JW's family. I will always remember him as one of the best friends our family had when we lived in Springfield.*

Judith Dale - June 30, 2014 at 08:06 AM

EB

“ Our family paths have crossed many times in the past half century plus. My heart is sad for you... Ellen Calloway Bush

Ellen Calloway Bush - June 29, 2014 at 10:22 PM

SL

“ Ann Bruce and Family, please accept our deepest sympathy at this time. Love, Sharon Love

Sharon Love - June 29, 2014 at 03:52 PM

RF

“ I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing, Brucie. He will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers for you all for comfort, strength, and God's love to surround you.

Rose Anne Fizee - June 29, 2014 at 08:23 AM

CM

“ We send our love to your family.

Coy and Muzetta Miller - June 29, 2014 at 12:41 AM