



Lloyd W. Keyt

September 13, 1924 - August 2, 2008

Lloyd Wilson Keyt, age 83 of Springfield, passed away Saturday, August, 2nd at NorthCrest Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 5th, 11:00AM, at Springfield Baptist Church with Dr. David Leavell officiating. Burial followed in Robertson County Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers were Jerry White, John West, Jeff West, Danny Highsmith, Kaleb Stratton, Chris Simpkins, Todd Bray, and Justin Keyt. Honorary pallbearers were Paul Grossman, John Adams, Bill Morris, Bob Lawrence, Dr. Sabi Kumar, Dr. George Dahir, Dr. Robert Valosik, and Dr. Robert Ferland. Visitation was held at Austin & Bell in Springfield on Monday from 4:00-8:00PM and again on Tuesday morning one hour prior to service at Springfield Baptist Church. Mr. Keyt was born September 13, 1924 to the late Rev. Widney Garfield and Elizabeth Ladd Keyt in the Shiney Rock community. He entered the U.S. Army on July 2, 1943 at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, and trained at Camp Haan, CA, Camp Carson, CO, and Ft. Benning, GA. As a Private First Class he served with the 17th Airborne Division Paratroopers until the defeat of Germany, then transferred to Company C, 507th Airborne Engineers, 82nd Airborne Division. Lloyd was in the European Theater from November 5, 1944 until January 3, 1946 having served in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Germany. He was in the Battle of the Bulge and made a parachute jump over the Rhine River. He served with the occupation forces in the city of Berlin. On return to the U.S., his group marched in a victory parade in New York City. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars and one

bronze arrowhead, the American Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Lloyd was discharged on January 19, 1946 at Ft. Knox Kentucky. Mr. Keyt graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a B.S. and Masters Degree in Agriculture. He was a farmer in Robertson County for 50 years and served as a Soil Conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and retired after 22 years of service. He was a member of the Springfield Kiwanis Club, having served as President in 1967; served as a member of the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee; and served on the NorthCrest Medical Center Capital Campaign Steering Committee. Mr. Keyt was a member of Springfield Baptist Church where he served two terms as the Chairman of the Deacon Board and was a Sunday School teacher for 40 years. He is preceded in death by brothers, Charles E. Keyt and W.C. Keyt and sister, Alma White. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Marion B. Keyt; son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd G. "Gary" and Debbie Keyt of Springfield; daughters, Linda L. Keyt of Nashville, and Mary E. Keyt of Columbus, OH; brother, James William "Jimmy" (Aneva) Keyt of Columbus, GA; sister, Velma Louise Frazier of Dowelltown, TN; grandchildren, Heather Marie (Todd) Bray of Knoxville; and Justin Lloyd (Megan) Keyt of Clarksville; two great-grandchildren, Grace Renee Keyt and Noah Edward Franklin Keyt, both of Clarksville. The family request memorial contributions be made to the Springfield Baptist Church Building Fund or to the NorthCrest Hospital Foundation. All donations may be sent care of Austin & Bell. AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME IN SPRINGFIELD IS IN CHARGE OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS.