



Walter Kendrick

October 23, 1921 - March 1, 2017

Walter Barnett Kendrick, age 95, of Cedar Hill, passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at his home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 2pm in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother Jerry Wallace officiating. Burial will follow in the Springfield Memorial Gardens with James Kendrick, Neal Kendrick, John Holt, Ty Watts, Clyde Richert and Brian Mitchell serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 4-8pm and again on Wednesday from 12 Noon until the hour of service at 2pm.

Mr. Kendrick was born October 23, 1921 in Augusta, GA to the late Jesse S. and Georgia Kendrick. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in World War II, was retired business owner, was a member of the Springfield First United Methodist Church and was a long time member of the Springfield Rotary Club.

In addition to his parents Mr. Kendrick is preceded in death by his wife, Florida Phillips Kendrick, his brother, Jack Kendrick; a great grandson, Seth Palmore; and beloved daughter-in-law, Diane Kendrick. He is survived by his sons, Jesse Barnett Kendrick of Cedar Hill and John Phillip (Priscilla) Kendrick; devoted daughter-in-law, Linda Kendrick of Brentwood; grandchildren, James (Ashley) Kendrick, Elizabeth (Brian) Mitchell, Dana (Joey) Funk and Neal (Alyson) Kendrick; 8 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

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

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Cemetery Details

Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield, TN 37172

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

MAR 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
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Springfield, TN 37172
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Funeral Service

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Without a doubt, one of the finest men I have ever known! He knew how to be a friend and was always making me laugh!

I will miss my friend,

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“ 95 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - March 05, 2017 at 03:26 PM

“ *In Honor of Walter Kendrick*

My father, Walter Kendrick, was my hero from my earliest days. I was proud of his service in World War II, which he ended on Luzon in the Philippines. A kind and good man, my first memories of him are from Austria, where he served in the occupation of German controlled Europe. As a four-year-old in military housing in Salzburg, I peeped around a corner to watch him put together my train set around the Christmas tree. I thought to myself, “Daddy is Santa Clause!” as I ran back to bed. He acted like he never knew and kept Santa around for years.

After his service in the Army, he owned several businesses where I had the honor of growing up alongside him and learning his work ethic. He always took time out of his busy schedule to take me fishing and made sure to give me credit for catching the biggest fish. When I was nine, he began taking me to the Pemberton Rotary club meetings during the summer and, later, on a Rotary trip to Connie Mack Stadium where we watched the Phillies get trounced by the Dodgers. Later, we had fun together delivering the Philadelphia Inquirer to more than seven hundred people every day. At least I told him it was fun.

After I graduated from high school, he packed all my belongings into the back of his station wagon and drove me over two days to Lipscomb University in Nashville. He was very surprised to see the Life & Casualty Building and told me the only thing big in Nashville before the war was Ryman Auditorium. Many years after I graduated from college, he and my mother moved from New Jersey to their retirement home in Cedar Hill, where they were happy to have Neal and Dana spend summers on the farm.

I’ll never forget the night he came to Ivory’s lounge in Nashville with my wife Priscilla and me. He showed us his new camera, which he was about to take on a trip to the Philippines. I had to ask why he wanted to go back there. He said, “I want to go back when nobody is shooting at me!” We had to chuckle at that.

For his 90th birthday, we took him to American Legion Post 88 in Donelson. He said it was the most fun he had had in years. As we

drove back to Cedar Hill, he talked all the way home about all the great times he had with mom dancing at the Moose Lodge in Bellevue.

Dad, I hope you are holding mom in your arms as you dance together in Heaven. Words will never express how much we will always love and miss you.

*Your devoted son and daughter-in-law,
Phil and Priscilla Kendrick*

John Kendrick - March 05, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *Nancy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Walter Kendrick*



Nancy Lewis - March 04, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Kendrick.*



March 03, 2017 at 07:39 PM