



James "Leslie" Kirby

February 17, 1923 - May 6, 2013

Heading: James Leslie Kirby (Veteran)

Dateline: Greenville

James Leslie Kirby passed away peacefully into eternal life May 6, 2013.

Mr. Kirby was 90 years old, born February 17, 1923 in Pelham, S.C., he was a son of the late Wyartt Blakeley and Miza Few Kirby. Leslie graduated from Parker High School and then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for many years as an independent garage owner and auto mechanic before joining with his wife to launch a successful fashion business in 1967. He was a member of Rocky Creek Baptist Church. Leslie Kirby was indeed a gentleman. He modeled a life of respecting and helping others. He was slow to anger and quick to assist whenever asked. He balanced his strong work ethic with time spent with family. He never took life too seriously always displaying a quick wit and a love to tease. He was an avid golfer, playing and following the game all of his adult life. He had a unique aptitude for all things mechanical and excelled at each endeavor throughout his professional life. He also excelled at each stage of his personal life as a devoted husband and beloved father and grandfather. He was respected and loved by all who knew him. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Leslie is survived by his daughter, JoAnn Sauls and her husband, Tillman Sauls of Greenville; his son, Jim Kirby and his wife Linda of Irmo; his grandsons, Joel Webb (Lindy) and Eric Kirby; granddaughters, Jennifer Kis (Attila), Julie Vierra (Anthony) and Allison Bazen (Tripp) and his brother Melvin

Kirby.

Leslie was predeceased in death by his wife, Doris Huff Kirby.

Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Rocky Creek Baptist Church cemetery conducted by Rev. Martin Atkins.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to Rose of Interim Hospice for all of the love, kindness and special care she gave to Leslie.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church
239 Rocky Creek Road
Simpsonville, SC 29680

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Kirby won our respect and admiration as we watched him care for his beloved wife, Doris for many years. We never heard him complain about his care giving and appeared very patient with Doris. Earlier in her illness she did have some lucid moments when she could verbalize. Jim and Linda told us she and Pop were getting into the car when she surprised everyone by saying" this car is dirty." Mr. Kirby bought a new car shortly afterward. That was the kind of loving husband he was.*

We also listened to his many World War II stories with much appreciation for the sacrifices he had made for our country. He will be greatly missed.

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