



## Melvin Eston Kirby Sr.

September 19, 1919 - February 10, 2017

Melvin Eston Kirby, Sr., 97, widower of Etrulyer Huff Kirby, passed away February 10, 2017.

A native of Greenville County, he was a son of the late Wyartt B. and Miza Few Kirby. He was a retired Southern Bell Manager, a member of Victor Baptist Church, and a US Army and US Air Force Veteran of WWII.

Surviving are one son, Eston Kirby (Carol) of Monroe, Georgia; two daughters, Gail Poterala (Jay) of Greenville and Debra Kennon (Hal) of Greer; six grandchildren, Kimberly Franklin, Stephanie Byrd, Greg Weaver, Jennifer Ross, Stephen Poterala and Katie Poterala; and twelve great-grandchildren, Kirby Watkins, Mary Kate Watkins, Harrison Byrd, Stella Byrd, Amelia Byrd, Thomas Poterala, Benjamin Poterala, Emily Poterala, Claire Weaver, Carys Weaver, Anderson Weaver and Blakelee Ross. He is also survived by a special friend, Mildred Rochester.

He was predeceased by a brother, James Leslie Kirby.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 13, 2017, at Graceland East Mausoleum Chapel, conducted by Rev. Ken Vickery and Chaplain Justin Nelson. Entombment will follow in Graceland East Mausoleum.

Visitation will be held 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Sunday, February 12, 2017 at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of the daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Hal Kennon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of the Carolina Foothills, 260 Fairwinds Road, Landrum, SC 29356.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Cryptside Service

FEB **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Graceland East Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel  
2206 Woodruff Road  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

# Tribute Wall

GK

“ *My condolences, Gail, and family. Just happened upon your Dad's obituary. I remember him as an impressive man.*

*Just learned that Jenny DuBose Carter of Greer passed away Feb 15th, which was a shocker.*

*Take care,*

*Gigi Van Keuren  
gigilighthouse@aol.com*

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**Gigi Van Keuren** - March 02, 2017 at 10:18 AM

GM

“ *Our paths crossed only one time. It was my good fortune to meet Mr. Kirby at Janet's Hair and Nails in Greer many months ago. It was an honor to be in the presence of such a humble and gracious WWII vet - a member of the greatest generation! I am so very sorry to learn of Mr. Kirby's passing. My sympathy to all. Gail*

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**Gail Maconkey** - February 13, 2017 at 09:48 PM

AW

“ *Grandpa Kirby was a great man. I'll always remember him telling of his experiences in the war and how that impacted his view on life. He seemed to have made the best of his time here and as a young man, he encouraged me. I have always had the utmost respect for him, a true "mountain of a man".*

*God speed, Grandpa Kirby*

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**Andrew Watkins** - February 13, 2017 at 08:14 AM

DS

“ Our prayers are with the family. So blessed to know Mr. Kirby and will always remember how proud he was of his family. May you have peace in knowing that heaven needed another angel and he watches over each of you.

*Jimmy and Debbie Singleton*

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**Debbie Singleton** - February 12, 2017 at 04:40 PM

JD

“ Janice Vaugh DeVito sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin Eston Kirby Sr.



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**Janice Vaugh DeVito** - February 11, 2017 at 06:08 PM

SP

“ Debra I always will remember your Daddy for the family values he had. Everytime I would see him out somewhere he would always ask about my family and tell me what was going on with his. I know you will miss him. Words can not say enough about that. I will remember you all in my prayers. 97 years here and forever in heaven. Love you as I always have.

*Sharon Van Patton*

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**Sharon Van Patton** - February 11, 2017 at 03:06 PM