



Mr. William Kermit Byrd

December 12, 2018

Mr. William Kermit Byrd, 79, was born in Webster County, MS the son of the late Eucalis Kermit and Thelma Louise Sims Byrd. He was a 1958 Graduate of West Point High School. Kermit began his longtime career at Babcock and Wilcox Corporation in West Point in April 1962, where he worked in the shipping and receiving department. He was also a Supervisor in the Storeroom for many years. Kermit retired after 34 years in April 1996 from Babcock and Wilcox Corporation, where he was the Senior Buyer and Purchasing Agent. Kermit was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association as well as an avid hunter and fisherman. Kermit's passion for people was evident in the time he took to converse with everyone as well as cook and share recipes for the best meal around. Nothing brought Kermit more joy than providing a meal for others. He enjoyed working in the yard, building and creating various projects and sharing a good joke. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in West Point before moving to Stanford, KY, in September 2017. He married Bettie Burton on November 18, 1997, in Vernon, AL, and they were married for 21 years. Kermit was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 17, 2018, at 11:00 A.M. from Calvert Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Mike Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Garden Cemetery in West Point. Both Calvert Funeral Home of West Point, MS and Fox and Friend Funeral Home of Stanford, KY

are honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Survivors include His loving Wife of 21 years: Bettie Burton Byrd of Stanford, KY; Three Sons: Ricky Byrd (Crystal) of Puckett, MS, Lamar Byrd (Lindsey) of Burlison, TX, and Rusty Burton (Kate) of Owensboro, KY; Seven Grandchildren; Six Great Grandchildren; Two Brothers: Kenneth Byrd (Jane) of West Point, MS and John Ellis Byrd (Corkie) of Prescott, AZ; Niece: Carolyn Golson and Nephews including Johnny Byrd (his cooking buddy, and “Mr. Fix It Helper”); Ken Byrd, Mike Byrd, Chris Byrd, Nathan Burton, Dan Burton, Steven Burton, Michael Burton; Three Sisters-in-Law: Carolyn Cason (Bill) of Charlottesville, VA, Sybil Mangin (Tom) of Raymond, MS and Barbara Rushing (Danny) of Columbus, MS; Two Brothers-in-Law: Phil Burton (Beverly) and Steve Burton (Janie) both of Stanford, KY; as well as many other family and friends that loved him dearly.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Ware, Jacob Ware, David Thompson, Billy Buck Staggers, Shelley Wilkerson, and Johnny Byrd.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Former Employees of Babcock & Wilcox, Harmon Lake Sportsman Club Members, Dr. Douglas G. Irwin, Doctors and Nurses of Ephraim McDowell Hospital in Danville, KY, Dr. Anthony Rogers, Doctors and Nurses of the 6th Floor and ICU at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY, Nurses and Staff of Bluegrass Hospice in Lexington, KY, and the Nurses and Staff of Heritage Hospice in Lincoln County, KY.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 8217, Jackson, MS 39215 or to Heritage Hospice, P.O. Box 1213, Danville, KY 40423.

Visitation will be Sunday 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Calvert Funeral Home.

Friends may leave an online condolence at www.calvertfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Bettie and family,
We were so sorry to hear of Kermit's passing. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers in your pain and loss. Only by God's help can we get through these times, with the assurance that this is not the end.

Lots of love,
Jerri Wallace and family

Teresa Wallace - December 17, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Calvert Funeral Home - December 16, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Calvert Funeral Home - December 16, 2018 at 08:42 AM

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“ I am so sorry "B" you will have good memories because of his love for life. I am glad you both had a chance to relocate , I know he already made many friends because that was Kirit. I love you and if I can do anything for you I will.

Darrellene Fulgham - December 15, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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“ Great memories of Kermit in high school. He was a wonderful , kind perdon. May Gods Loving Grace comfort Kermits family as they celebrate the life he lived. My prayers are with all of you.



Patricia Pennington Shaffer - December 14, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. William Kermit Byrd.*



December 14, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ *Beverly Burton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kermit Byrd*



Beverly Burton - December 14, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ *Kermit was special! Loved him from first meeting him. I am heartbroken God called him home.kermit could make you laugh like no one else. What a cook and he loved doing that.most of he took such good care of our Bettie. He is forever etched in my memories and my heart. God gained a special angel.*
Beverly Burton

Beverly Burton - December 14, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Kermit Byrd.*



December 14, 2018 at 11:12 AM

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“ *The Academy at Nola Dunn Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. William Kermit Byrd.*



The Academy at Nola Dunn Family - December 14, 2018 at 08:53 AM

DB

“ *There is so much that can be said about this man and anyone that meet him truly understands how special of a person he was. Kermit was such a great man that was full of wisdom, care and most of all....love. He always brought big smiles to all of our faces. We will always hold on to the memories that we shared as.you will be truly missed but never ever forgotten. We love you Kermit and we love you Bettie Jean*

Dan , Christina & Brody Burton

Dan Burton - December 14, 2018 at 07:38 AM

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“ *Ricky praying for you and your family*

Ken Lewis - December 13, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Kermit Byrd.*



December 13, 2018 at 05:38 PM

BC

“ I only knew Kermit for a couple years. Kermit was a good man and always a joy to be around. I will miss the conversations we always had.

Bill Caudill - December 13, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Kermit Byrd.



December 13, 2018 at 03:28 PM