



Otis Duke

April 24, 1926 - January 26, 2018

Otis Austin Duke, age 91, of Darden, passed away on Friday, January 26, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services for Mr. Duke will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 2PM at Corinth Baptist Church with Bro. Don Franks officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Ararat Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 5PM-9PM and on Sunday January 28, 2018 from 10AM until service. All visitation will be at Reed's Chapel in Lexington. Mr. Duke was born on April 24, 1926 to Luther and Beadie Autry Duke. He was Baptist by faith and a member of Corinth Baptist Church. After proudly serving his country as a United States Marine, Otis went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Education and became a teacher by profession. When it was time for his teaching career to end, he became a Rural Route Carrier for the United States Postal Service. After 24 years of service, he chose to officially "retire" and so began his love for woodworking. Our "Pops" was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him. Along with his parents, Otis was preceded in death by his brothers, Grant and Harold Duke, and one sister, Maxine Reed. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Marian Ivean Smith Duke, a son, Richard Otis Duke of Dandridge, TN, a daughter, Sheila Duke Maxwell (Jackie) of Darden, five grandchildren, Micki Amacker (Shannon), Holly Silcock (Seth), John Maxwell (Angela), Laura Duke, and Nathan Duke, six great grandchildren, Tad Ward (Brittni), Lacy Lanier (Ryan), Tyler Maxwell, Hayden Maxwell, Austyn Silcock,

and Smith Silcock, and two great great grandchildren, Hudson and Harrison Ward. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donation be made in memory of Mr. Duke at Corinth Baptist Church, Mt. Ararat Church and Cemetery Fund, or The Gideon's.

Tribute Wall

ED

“ *My condolences to Mrs. Duke, Rick and Sheila and all the family. I always had very fond memories of Mr. Duke.* ”

Ed Derryberry - January 28, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ *Prayers for Aunt Ivean, Shelia and the whole family.. Robin Downing Hurst and family.* ”



Robin Hurst - January 27, 2018 at 02:50 PM

BH

“ *Barb Hutcherson lit a candle in memory of Otis Duke* ”



barb Hutcherson - January 27, 2018 at 11:14 AM

BH

Sheila and Jackie, God be with your family during this difficult time of loss of two loved ones. Uncle Otis was like a second father to me when we were kids. Feeling blessed to have had your family in my life back then. Such great memories of times together. Heaven now has another truly wonderful soul.

barb Hutcherson - January 27, 2018 at 11:28 AM

RR

“ Prayers for Sheila and family during the loss of her Daddy and Jackie loss of his Mama within just a few hours of each other love y'all



Robin Rainey - January 27, 2018 at 10:13 AM



Jacob
Wilson

All of your friends from Lexington High School loved and appreciated your father. I remember his sweet smile. (And of course we honor your Mom, too). Love you Ric, Shelia, and Mrs Duke. Prayers for all.
Patti Teague Wilson

Jacob Wilson - January 28, 2018 at 02:21 PM

MS

“ Martha Ann Yeiser Siler lit a candle in memory of Otis Duke



Martha Ann Yeiser Siler - January 27, 2018 at 10:01 AM

MS

Shelia, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Martha Ann Yeiser Siler - January 27, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Otis Duke.



January 27, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Otis Duke.*



January 27, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *Jim And Jonetta Vise lit a candle in memory of Otis Duke*



Jim and Jonetta Vise - January 26, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ *Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Otis Duke*



Sandra Maness - January 26, 2018 at 10:56 PM

BH

“ *Otis Duke was as fine a man as I have ever known. He was a good Christian man. He used to be my mailman when I was much younger. He always wore a smile and was kind and gentle. He and my father, Rex Wilson were great friends and also deacons at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church for several years. I am sorry to hear of his death but know that he is already in his heavenly home. Praying for Ms Ivean, Sheila, Rick and their families.*



Betty Wilson Hedspeth - January 26, 2018 at 10:04 PM

SH

Thank Betty for such kind words!❤️

sheila - January 27, 2018 at 06:45 AM

RG

“ *Ms. Almetta and Ron G. send our sincere condolence to your family. May Mr. Otis rest as gracefully as he lived on earth. He was so loved and respected. God bless Mr. Duke and each of you. Surely fond memories will bring you comfort and peace in time.*



Ron Gibson - January 26, 2018 at 08:54 PM

LR

“ *Linda Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Otis Duke*



Linda Rhodes - January 26, 2018 at 08:25 PM