



Earl Kenneth Edmonds

February 20, 1939 - October 18, 2020

Earl Kenneth Edmonds, age 81, of Newport, passed away Sunday afternoon at Newport Medical Center following a short illness. He was born at the family home on the John Harrison farm on Cosby on February 20, 1939, youngest of nine children of Joseph McKinley and Ella (Pruitt) Edmonds.

He spent most of his childhood and early years in the Cosby community where he graduated from Cosby High School in 1959. Drafted into the United States Army on Dec. 7, 1961, he served with honor as a medic with the 2nd Medical BN, 2nd Infantry Division, until his discharge on Dec. 6, 1963, at Ft. Benning, Georgia. During his service, he was sent to Oxford, Mississippi with other federal troops during the race riots surrounding the admission of James Meredith to the University of Mississippi in 1962.

He returned home following his military service and began a 40-year career with American Enka, BASF, Lenzing, as a pipefitter. In July of 1964, he married Ila Ruth Carrell and this past summer the couple celebrated 56 years of marriage. A longtime member of English Creek Baptist Church, he served as a deacon. He was a past member of the Cosby Ruritan Club. For many years, he was an avid sportsman, enjoying and excelling in hunting, fishing, and trapping. He also derived much joy in antiques, birdwatching, growing daylilies, and gardening. Many friends and neighbors benefited from his generosity with his abundant produce. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings and their spouses: Lucille (Jim) Williams, Virginia (David) Proffitt, Joe (Grace) Edmonds, Jr., Aileen (Y.J.) Jenkins, Hugh

Edmonds, John Edmonds, Paul (Earlene) Edmonds, his sister-in-law Phyllis Edmonds, his father-in-law Clifford Carrell, two nieces Glenda Williams and Jean (Edmonds) Blask, and one nephew Clark Williams. Along with his wife, he is survived by two sons and their wives, Chris (Christy) Edmonds of Newport and Jeff (Rachel) Edmonds of Knoxville, two beloved grandchildren Emily Edmonds of Newport and Joseph Edmonds of Knoxville, mother-in-law Mildred Carrell of Newport, brother Bob Edmonds of Powell, TN, sister-in-law Ruth Edmonds of Peshastin, WA, and numerous nieces and nephews. Interment in Union Cemetery will be private. Memorial gifts may be sent to English Creek Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1110 Newport, TN 37822. Family and friends may sign the guest registry online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Kenneth Edmonds*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Earls passing. Just found out yesterday. My prayers are with the family.*

Peter Blask - October 31, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *Prayers!*



Louise & Jimmy Hux - October 21, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *Love and prayers Ila Ruth and family and friends*



Cookie Ramsey - October 21, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *May God hold you close and provide you with much love, grace, and comfort today and in the coming days. We have lost another GENTLEMAN. I pray for your family now.*

Pauline Proffitt - October 21, 2020 at 11:17 AM

TP

“ Edmonds family,
Please accept our deepest apologies we are sorry for your loss your
dad was a good friend and a good man he will be missed by all,
your family will be in our thoughts and prayers if you all need
anything you know how to get in touch with us.
Tracy, Tammy, Kameran and Dakoda Pack

Tracy Pack - October 20, 2020 at 10:12 PM

JC

“ Edmonds family,
Sorry for your loss Earl will be missed by all a good friend and
neighbor your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Joyce Pack Clark, Christine Smith

Joyce Pack Clark - October 20, 2020 at 10:05 PM

DW

“ Love and prayers for strength. We have so many wonderful
memories that we will keep with us forever.

Dean and Deanie Williamson

Deanie Williamson - October 20, 2020 at 04:14 PM

AC

“ Love and prayers to you all. We are so sorry.

April, Davy, Kenny, and Kurry Cody

April Cody - October 20, 2020 at 04:10 PM

TS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Teah Smith

Teah Smith - October 20, 2020 at 01:23 PM



Ila Ruth, you, the boys and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Betty Harrison - October 20, 2020 at 06:46 PM

KC

“ Earl was such a kind and sweet man. I grew up in church with he and Ila Ruth, and they were so good to my family. I am sending love and prayers from the Cody family and please let me know if you all need anything. I am so sorry.

Kenny Cody - October 20, 2020 at 01:22 PM

BL

“ Prayers for your family

Bobbie Linderman - October 20, 2020 at 12:55 PM

PW

“ Prayers for comfort during this time. Earl and Inez Phillips

Patti P Woodbury - October 20, 2020 at 12:49 PM

MF

“ Ila Ruth and family: May God give you endurance, strength, faith, hope & courage to lead you through this hard time to a brighter tomorrow. You are in our thoughts & prayers.
Bill & Myra Woodson Fowler

Myra Fowler - October 20, 2020 at 12:26 PM

VB

“ *With our prayers and sympathy!
Larry and Vickie*

Vickie Butler - October 20, 2020 at 10:43 AM

FJ

“ *We will miss a good friend in Earl. He was a good Christian and he meant so much to us and English Creek Baptist Church. In business meetings, when someone made a wild recommendation, I can just hear Earl say, "Now wait a minute; let's just think about this..." He was a calm influence in so many ways and made everyone really think before jumping into something. We enjoyed his humor. He could come up with some good ones. He will be missed in so many ways. We loved him. Freddy and Beth James*

Freddy James - October 20, 2020 at 10:13 AM

MJ

“ *Our hearts were deeply saddened to hear of Uncle Earl's illness and passing. He was such a special man and will be missed by all who knew Him. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you Ila Ruth, Chris, Jeff and family. Love you all so much.*

Mike & Sandra Jenkins - October 20, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Earl Kenneth Edmonds.*



October 19, 2020 at 10:41 PM

AM

“ With His amazing love, the Lord will bring you comfort and strength. I'm so sorry, Illa Ruth, my condolences to you and your family.



Arlene Miner - October 19, 2020 at 07:07 PM

SL

“ Our prayers are with you all. We were so sorry to hear of Earl's passing. Earl was someone that we always admired.
May God bless you all
Donny & Sharon Lindsey

Sharon Lindsey - October 19, 2020 at 07:02 PM

ME

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Earl.
We can take comfort in knowing he is in a better place and he is with Jesus.



Bobby, Debbie, and Melissa

ME - October 19, 2020 at 06:40 PM

MC

“ Chris and family, please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your Father. Prayers for all family and loved ones.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - October 19, 2020 at 04:30 PM

SB

“ Ila Ruth and family,

So sad to hear of Earl's passing. He was a blessing to all and someone I admired greatly. He was just a wonderful man and life here will not be the same without him. But I am comforted knowing he is with our Heavenly Father. Prayers for each of you and let us know if there is anything you need. Sending hugs your way.



Sincerely,

Susan Ball

Susan Ball - October 19, 2020 at 04:12 PM

GK

“ *It is with great sadness that my wife and I learned of Earl's passing, I have known Earl as long as I can remember, and in all that time I have never heard anyone say a negative word about Earl. Where ever you would meet him, he always had a smile on his face and a kind greeting for you. I know he will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He truly was a kind and friendly person.*

Gary S. & Dorothy J. Kyker - October 19, 2020 at 03:40 PM

BE

“ *Christy,*

Thoughts and prayers go out to the family during the loss of your father-in-law.

Benjamin Evans - October 19, 2020 at 02:48 PM

MW

“ So sorry for your loss. He will be missed greatly. Marie Wood

Marie Wood - October 19, 2020 at 02:13 PM

BM

“ Betty And Dave Mayfield❤️❤️🙏🙏 lit a candle in memory of Earl Kenneth Edmonds



Betty and Dave Mayfield♥️🙏🙏 - October 19, 2020 at 01:32 PM