



## Kenneth Vardaman Calfee

July 24, 1941 - February 28, 2021

Kenneth Vardaman Calfee lost his battle with Covid on Sunday, February 28, 2021. He was a gentle, easy going man who loved God, his family and animals. He was always kind and a friend to all. Kenneth was a member of the CCHS class of '59. He attended ETSU and received his business degree from WSCC. He was a committee member of the USAR/TARNG-Old Timers. He served in Company A 1/109th 30th Armored Division-U.S. Army. He attended FBC Newport where he served as a deacon, taught Sunday school and served on various committees. He was also a member of the Newport Fire Department Civil Service Board and also a member of AmVets. He loved to fish and was an avid history buff. He passed on his love of history to his grandson Jackson Calfee who soaked up all his "Da-dods" military knowledge like a sponge. He was preceded in death by his parents Vardaman Calfee and Mary Ellen Calfee, brother-in-law Robert Denman Pruitt, and step-granddaughter Tori Hoover. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Sandra, son Andy (Jennifer) Calfee of Dandridge, grandson Jackson Calfee, step-great grandson Carson Buie of Dandridge, sister Mary Anne Pruitt of Knoxville, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Wayne and Anne Freeman of Newport, niece Leigh Anne Kickliter (Brett) of Parrottsville, nephews Adam Freeman of Louisville, TN, Col. Mark Pruitt (Tabitha) USAF (retired), and Lance (Mary) Pruitt of Knoxville, and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm in Union Cemetery. Burial will follow. Guest may come by Manes Funeral Home and

sign the guest register on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Wounded Warriors or Newport Animal Shelter. Please practice safe social distancing and face masks are highly recommended. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Drop By and Sign Register Book

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Graveside Service

MAR 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc  
420 Mineral St  
Newport, TN 37821-3900  
(423) 623-6918

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Vardaman Calfee*



**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 01, 2021 at 04:03 PM

JO

*Sandra, how sad we are as think of your loss! You and your family are in our prayers.*

*Jim and Susan Ogle*

**Jim Ogle** - March 02, 2021 at 07:29 AM

PE

*I am thinking about you all and sending prayers your way. I was so sorry to learn this news.*

**Penny Ervin** - March 02, 2021 at 08:57 AM

ER

*Sandra  
So very sorry to hear about Kenneth.  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.*  
*Evelyn Brooks Reese*

**Evelyn Brooks Reese** - March 02, 2021 at 10:19 AM

AM

*Our condolences, you all are in our thoughts and prayers, Love, Von and Aletha*

**Aletha McMillan** - March 02, 2021 at 08:36 PM



*So sorry for your loss! Prayers for peace and comfort*

**lynette pierce** - March 03, 2021 at 11:31 AM



*We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for comfort. Earl and Inez Phillips, Patti Phillips Woodbury*

**Patti Woodbury** - March 07, 2021 at 07:30 PM



*Sandra, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love  
Emily Hale Poe daughter of  
(Sharon Starnes Hale )*

**Emily Poe** - March 15, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Kenneth Vardaman Calfee*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Our sincerest sympathy to Sandra and family in the passing of Kenneth. May God hold you especially close right now, giving you peace and comfort. Steve and Susie Holt*



**susie holt** - March 12, 2021 at 08:18 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry about Kenneth. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Donna Ball Milam*

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**Donna Milam** - March 08, 2021 at 08:00 PM

PP

“ Angels are always near to those who are grieving to whisper to them that loved ones are safe in the hand of God!

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**Pauline Proffitt** - March 08, 2021 at 04:29 PM

JO

“ Mr Calfee was a kind and very nice man. He went to school with my mother. God's blessings on his family, I know his loss will be great.

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**Jim O'Lear** - March 08, 2021 at 06:25 AM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear about loss of Kenneth. We enjoyed working with him. Prayer for the family.

*Monroe and Shirley Grigsby*

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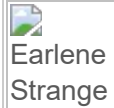
**Monroe Grigsby** - March 04, 2021 at 06:51 PM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss. May family and friends find peace and comfort in the days to come.

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**Paula Bearden** - March 04, 2021 at 01:21 PM



Earlene  
Strange

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers! May God bless you with many happy memories.

*Claude, Earlene, Julie, Chuck, Tanner, Kayla, Emersyn, Ellery Jane, and Taylyn Strange*

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**Earlene Strange** - March 04, 2021 at 11:52 AM

AK

“ Mr. Calfee was such a kind man. He always went out of his way to speak and make sure he said hello and made time to catch up on life. He always let me know he was keeping up with me and was proud of my accomplishments with the FD and I took that as a great honor coming from him. To know him was an honor in itself and a privilege. He will be greatly missed. Many prayers of comfort for the family in the days ahead.

*Amanda Keller*

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**Amanda Keller** - March 03, 2021 at 06:00 PM

JC

“ Sandra & family, you have my deepest sympathy. I will always remember Kenneth as being helpful & kind. May God comfort you all.

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**Jan Carpenter** - March 03, 2021 at 05:54 PM

BB

“ Sandra, I'm so sorry for your loss of Calfee ( thats all I ever called him). I will always cherish the times I had in high school and college with him; hunting, fishing, cruising Jacks, & the Dairy Queen, and roommates at college. When I think of Calfee, one funny thing I remember is one morning we were grouse hunting near Del Rio. About ten o'clock the sun was very bright. We laid down on the side of a ridge to sleep for awhile. We woke up and saw buzzards in the trees just above us. We thought they were about to feast on us. God bless all of your family. Bobby and Ginny Bowers

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**Bobby&Ginny Bowers** - March 03, 2021 at 04:39 PM

PL

“ My sincere condolences to Sandra and family.

*Pam Lowe*

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**Pam Lowe** - March 03, 2021 at 03:23 PM

JE

“ sandra and family so sorry to hear of your loss just found out about this a little while ago i considered kenneth a dear frind we will be praying for you and the family

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**jerry ellis** - March 03, 2021 at 01:08 PM

KP

“ It was a great privilege to be in school with Kenneth from first grade through high school graduation. He was one of the finest men I have ever known. He made the world a better place.

*In friendship,  
Kay Kirkpatrick Preston*



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**Kay Kirkpatrick Preston** - March 03, 2021 at 12:08 PM

AJ

“ David and I are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.

Amy Jennings - March 03, 2021 at 12:05 PM

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Kenneth. Prayers.

Herbert and Barbara Cureton

Barbara Cureton - March 03, 2021 at 11:49 AM

HR

“ Sorry for your loss

Heath & Hayley Rhodes

Heath Rhodes - March 03, 2021 at 11:15 AM

RB

“ Our condolences to your family. Kenneth was a wonderful man and good friend of our family. I remember that he and my dad "Bud" Baxter were co-owners in a small aluminum Jon boat. The idea was that if anyone bugged either of them about borrowing that boat, they could say "sorry, no. my partner doesn't allow me to loan it out". That and so many great camping and fishing tales.

Russell Baxter - March 03, 2021 at 10:14 AM

WC

“ Sandra, I am very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Wanda Starnes Click

Wanda Click - March 03, 2021 at 10:07 AM

CG

“ We love you, Mrs. Mimi! Praying for you and your family!  
Daniel, Casey, Keegan & Braxton Green  
Ilee & Avery Eldridge

Casey Green - March 03, 2021 at 09:29 AM

RB

“ RHONDA BURGIN sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Kenneth Vardaman Calfee



RHONDA BURGIN - March 03, 2021 at 09:21 AM

PM

“ We are praying for all the family.

Paul Moore - March 03, 2021 at 08:06 AM

NH

“ Sandra you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Norma and Teddy Hill

Norma Hill - March 03, 2021 at 07:23 AM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you 🙏

BobbyandGail Clevenger - March 02, 2021 at 11:28 PM

LG

“ Sandra, I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your  
family.

Linda Sprouse Britton, Georgia - March 02, 2021 at 11:26 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



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**Louise & Jimmy Hux** - March 02, 2021 at 09:34 PM

VB

“ *May God's presence comfort and sustain you during this time and in the days ahead. With our deepest sympathy, Larry and Vickie Butler*

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**Vickie Butler** - March 02, 2021 at 06:30 PM

BE

“ *Sorry to hear about Kenneth's passing. I'm glad I got to meet him and did some work for him and Sandra last summer.*

*May God comfort you all, and thoughts and prayers go out during this difficult time.*

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**Benjamin Evans** - March 02, 2021 at 05:10 PM

AH

“ *sorry for your loss prayer for you all may God comfort you all Aggie Holt*

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**Aggie Holt** - March 02, 2021 at 04:38 PM

DO

“ *Our very deepest sympathy in the loss of Kenneth. May angels walk beside you in the coming days.*

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**Duay and Kay O'Neil** - March 02, 2021 at 04:36 PM

DM

“ *Denise Marra lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Vardaman Calfee*



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**Denise Marra** - March 02, 2021 at 04:25 PM

RC

“ *Sorry for your loss, your dad was always good to me when I would  
stay the night there when we was younger. If you need anything feel  
free to call me anytime.*  
*Russell Cogdill*

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**Russell Cogdill** - March 02, 2021 at 02:50 PM

GF

“ *Sandra and family, we will remember you in  
our thoughts and prayers . May God be  
.especially close to you in the days ahead.*  
*James and Gail Frisbee*



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**Gail Frisbee** - March 02, 2021 at 02:42 PM

CB

“ *Andy, Sorry for the loss of your dad. My  
thoughts and prayers are with you and your  
family during this time.*  
*Christie Ballard*



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**Christie Ballard** - March 02, 2021 at 02:33 PM

RM

“ Sandra we are so sorry for your loss. We remember that Kenneth was always easy to talk to and always kind. He will be missed. Our prayers go out to you and your family. Love Randy and Joyce

Randy and Joyce Mullins - March 02, 2021 at 02:26 PM

CB

“ Our condolences & prayers are with you & the family for your precious loss 🙏

Connie & Marsha Ball - March 02, 2021 at 02:26 PM

ML

“ Sandra, I was shocked and saddened to learn of Kenneth's passing. I have known him since high school days and he has never changed. He was always kind, gentle, friendly and caring. We even worked together in the office at Wood Products. He always made a point to talk anywhere I saw him. He always greeted everybody with a warm smile. He always told me that one day we'd have lunch and talk about the good times over the years but we never did. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I pray that God will give you and your family strength and comfort during this most difficult time.

Mary Lindsey - March 02, 2021 at 02:15 PM

JF

“ Jane (Huff) Bolden and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Vardaman Calfee.



Jane (Huff) Bolden and family - March 02, 2021 at 01:49 PM

CS

“ Sandra, Patti and I are so sorry for your loss!! Charlie & Patti Seehorn

Charlie Seehorn - March 02, 2021 at 12:47 PM

PC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I pray for God to comfort your heavy hearts during this time. Kenneth had the heart of a servant and he would help anyone he could. He had a love for the Lord and it showed by the kindness he showed to others. I can truly say our loss is Heaven's gain!



Pauline Cooper - March 02, 2021 at 12:41 PM

BD

“ Sending our sincere heartfelt condolences to all of you for your loss. Kenneth was one of the most humble and kind people we've ever known, and his death will leave such a void to all his loved ones, his church and the community. We will never forget his kindness and friendship, and we will miss him too. But he leaves such a wonderful legacy of which you all can be proud. We will be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days for God to grant you peace and comfort during this heartbreaking time.



Matthew 5:4

Sincerely,  
Bud & Linda Dawson

Bud & Linda Dawson - March 02, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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*Matthew 5:4*

*Sincerely,  
Bud & Linda Dawson*

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**Bud & Linda Dawson** - March 02, 2021 at 12:17 PM

RM

“ *RIP Little General. Rick and Linda Maxwell*

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**Rick and Linda Maxwell** - March 02, 2021 at 11:52 AM

MS

“ *I love you Sandra!  
I will miss Kenneth. Kenneth was a wonderful man. He and John really enjoyed talking with each other when they had a chance to be together. He was a gentle soul and loved his family, town, friends and church so very much! Stay close to Jackson. Each of you give each other hugs often.*

*I hope to be able to see you soon. I would say that John and Kenneth are talking with each other now!*

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**Mary AliceFoy “your twisted sister”** - March 02, 2021 at 11:38 AM

CB

*Sandra, I be am so sorry for your loss. Kenneth was a great man and Christian!! My heart aches for you 😞😞*

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**carroll Breeden** - March 02, 2021 at 11:56 AM

CW

“ *Lana and I are saddened to hear about Kenneth passing. He was such a gentle and knowledgeable guy. He will certainly be missed.*

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**charlie williamson** - March 02, 2021 at 11:16 AM

JF

“ *Sandra, so sorry to hear of your loss. After 54 years it is difficult to imagine one of you without the other. May God comfort you until you meet again.*  
*Jill Gorrell Foster*

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**Jill Gorrell Foster** - March 02, 2021 at 11:09 AM

EA

“ *Prayers to your family. So sorry for your loss. -Shane & Emma Allen (Addison & Ellis)*

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**Emma Allen** - March 02, 2021 at 10:58 AM

MP

“ He was my only uncle. My first memory of Uncle Kenneth was him in an Army uniform. He was larger than life. When I was older Kenneth took me shooting and taught me about military rifles. My Dad, Robert "Denny" Pruitt, also from Newport served in the Army and in the Guard unit there. My youth included trips to Tellico with Kenneth, Billy Jack and others from Newport. The Newport fellas really knew how to fish, camp and cook. Out of this I developed a love for the outdoors and all things related. The Army ties they had were special to them and that led me to a military career. When I was in training in Texas Kenneth drove out to visit me. He was highly self educated. We went for a drive to some historical sites and he related the details of each event to me before we even read the signs. This military tie ran strong and continued with my own two boys, one in the Air Force and one in the Army. My youngest son, Hunter, is a freshman at West Point. I spoke with Kenneth about visiting West Point because I knew that he would love that, and want to stop at the Patton and McArthur statues and relate details of leadership and of battles fought. So I am deeply sad today that Kenneth won't be able to make that visit with me But I am thankful for the time I did spend with him. So today I salute you Uncle Kenneth, for your life as a Godly man, faithful husband, loving father, ideal uncle, soldier, outdoorsman, deacon and so many other roles your perfected. Your legacy continues and you truly earned the tribute of "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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**Mark Pruitt** - March 02, 2021 at 10:57 AM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and healing during this time. May God wrap his living arms around you.

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**shelia Moss Massey** - March 02, 2021 at 10:22 AM

CP

“ Jack and I are so sorry for your loss Sandra. We are praying for comfort for you, Andy and Jackson. We know how much Jackson loved his Da-dod.  
Jack and Cheryl Presnell

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**Cheryl Presnell** - March 02, 2021 at 09:56 AM

RM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Kenneth. Please know you and your family will be in our prayers for God's peace and comfort.  
Rae & Karen Massey

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**Rae & Karen Massey** - March 02, 2021 at 09:40 AM

BW

“ Sandra and family, I am very sorry to hear about Kenneth. You all are in my thoughts. Barry Webb

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**Barry Webb** - March 02, 2021 at 09:25 AM

RO

“ I worked with Kenneth for years, he was always a pleasure to be around  
he will be missed by all his friends.  
Richard L Owens

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**Richard Owens** - March 02, 2021 at 09:18 AM

AD

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.  
Bill Burnett & Amy B Dorsey

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**Amy S Dorsey** - March 02, 2021 at 08:53 AM

BH

“ Prayers for Sandra and all the family.

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**Betty Harrison** - March 02, 2021 at 08:45 AM

RS

“ I am sorry, Sandra. Blessings to you and your family.

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**Ray Snader** - March 02, 2021 at 08:37 AM

BE

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God wrap you in his loving arms thru your loss.

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**Betsy** - March 02, 2021 at 08:03 AM

LG

“ So sorry to hear of Kens passing. He was a good friend and he and I enjoyed shooting and reloading.  
My prayers are with you and the family.  
If you need to talk, I can share some thoughts and phases that I have gone thru.

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**L C Gregg** - March 02, 2021 at 07:56 AM

LB

“ Oh Sandra  
Mary Ann & I send our deepest condolences. May Kenneth Rest In Peace.

*Lee Baker*

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**Lee Baker** - March 02, 2021 at 06:23 AM

GK

“ Sandra, We were so very sorry to hear of Kenneth's passing. Prayers for the family.



Gary S. & Dorothy J. Kyker - March 02, 2021 at 12:34 AM

BW

“ We are so sorry

Billy & Wilma Webb - March 01, 2021 at 09:39 PM

MJ

“ Kenneth was one of my favorite people. i always looked forward to serve security duty with him I got to know him when he worked at Rhyne Lumber Co. I know he is in a good place and look forward to seeing him later. Prayers for Sandra Andy and Jackson.

Mike Johnson - March 01, 2021 at 09:27 PM

FV

“ Sandra, I was sorry to hear of Kenneth's passing. He was always smiling and so kind. He will be missed. God bless your family. Faye Valentine

Faye Valentine - March 01, 2021 at 09:19 PM

BS

“ Sandra and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Kenneth was such a sweet, kind man and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Praying for you. Sherry and Bryce

Bryce & Sherry Strange - March 01, 2021 at 09:10 PM

LT

“ So very sorry for the loss of Kenneth. He was such a good man. Your family continues to be in our prayers. Linda and Al Thompson

Linda Freeman Thompson - March 01, 2021 at 09:05 PM

BC

“ Our sincerest and deepest sympathy! Love and prayers for the Lord's comfort, peace and strength.  
Bettye & Carl Jay Carver

Bettye Carver - March 01, 2021 at 08:55 PM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.



Melanie Strickler - March 01, 2021 at 08:51 PM

KB

“ You're in my thoughts and prayers. Praying and believing in the wisdom, guidance, and comfort of His amazing love for your family.



Kevin and Teresa Bennett - March 01, 2021 at 08:41 PM

MC

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with the family during this difficult time and the days ahead.

*Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman*

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**Mary Chrisman** - March 01, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ Sandra, I was so sorry to hear of Kenneth's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him when I saw him in town. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

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**Kathy Hemsworth** - March 01, 2021 at 08:00 PM

BB

“ Sandra and family, we grieve for and with you as you remain in our hearts and prayers.

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**Becky and Charlie Boggan** - March 01, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CR

“ Kenneth was a kind gentle man he will be missed by many RIP Kenneth Prayers for family and friends



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**Cookie Ramsey** - March 01, 2021 at 04:55 PM

EC

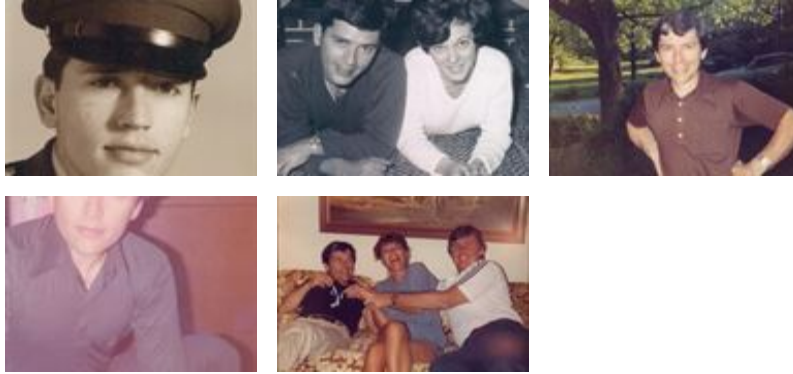
“ Randy and I send our condolences to Kenneth's family. Sandra, my heart breaks for you and also your son and grandson. Kenneth was a fine man and will be greatly missed. Prayers for all the family.  
Libby and Randy Clevenger

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**Elizabeth A. Clevenger** - March 01, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 01, 2021 at 03:57 PM

RF

“ Kenneth was a good man. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Ray Fancher** - March 01, 2021 at 03:03 PM

FB

“ Sandra, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Faye Brooks** - March 01, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Vardaman Calfee.*



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March 01, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Prayer for you all Kenneth will surely be missed.*

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**alvin and tammy ford** - March 01, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *John and Francine Henard purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Vardaman Calfee.*



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**John and Francine Henard** - March 01, 2021 at 01:21 PM