



Dennis Clifton Lee

February 25, 1923 - April 26, 2015

Dennis Clifton Lee, age 92 of Dayton, died Sunday April 26, 2015 at his home. He was born February 25, 1923 in Evensville to the late David and Grace (West) Lee. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances (Skillern) Lee, two brothers Roy Lee and Lawrence Lee, and two sisters Ruth Hixson and Geneva Falls.

Dennis proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a POW in Germany for eighteen months and three days before being liberated by Allied Forces. After the war, he worked many jobs including at Chris Craft and TVA. His last job was as a paper carrier for twenty years for the Chattanooga Times Free Press.

He is survived by his daughter Denise (Robert) Keltch of Dayton Mountain, two granddaughters Chelsea Keltch and Rylee Keltch and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Dennis will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 pm in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Danny Ruehling officiating. He will be laid to rest next to his wife at Pleasantview Cemetery in Graysville with military honors.

The family would like to thank all of our friends at The Courtyard who lovingly took care of him including David Zopfi, Wilma, Nancy, Molly, Erica, Heather, Tammy, Lori, Joanna, Wendy, Brooke, Jessica, Wendy, Kay, Tabitha, and William. We would also like to thank June, Sissy, Bubbles, Eddie, Dr. Logan, Melissa and Tina.

Please share your memories of Dennis on his on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Pleasantview Cemetery

Dayton, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Service

APR 29. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ Mr. Lee I always loved you so much and you always was there for me when I needed to talk to you . I also loved taking care of you & Mrs. Mary so please know we all miss you so much . I hated that I couldn't take care of you know more it wasn't the money that keep me around or my family it was your sweet spirit & your story's of the war know one will every know how a great man like you was to go and fight a war and almost lost your like BC you was a P.O.W you are now in heaven with the ones you love but please know Dennis we love & miss you very much .

Tonya Cross - June 01, 2015 at 09:27 AM

LH

“ I live at the Courtyard and was a neighbor of Dennis. There are so many things I liked about him.
A few are:
1. He often whistled, especially early in the morning. 2. He played old hymns and country music loud enough that we could all hear and enjoy. 3. He liked the outdoors. He had bird feeders outside his window and tomato plants he could watch grow. 4. He was proud of his room and could make his bed and help keep the room clean. (The workers loved him.) 5. We all love playing bingo- Dennis could stand the little chips on edge-rows of them. 6. He always attended our church services and often requested a song to be sung. His last request was “Rock of Ages.”
The last time I saw Dennis He was on the couch over near the front door. I came out of the dining room and waved. He always waved back. We all miss him-especially his friend Carl. They spent lots of time just talking. But no one will miss him as much as his darling daughter, Denise and her two pretty girls, Chelsea and Rylee. May God comfort them.
Louise Huskey

Louise Huskey - May 06, 2015 at 11:47 AM

LV

“ Denise, I'm not sure you remember me. I lived in Dayton in the late 80's and knew you through working at Red Food Store. Mrs. Carolyn Burton let me know about your dad. So I wanted to let you know I am sorry to hear of his death. I think of you and your family often. I'll be praying for you. from Lori DeBoer (now VanDerScheer).

Lori DeBoer VanDerScheer - April 30, 2015 at 05:51 AM

HS

“ Heather Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Dennis Clifton Lee



Heather Stephenson - April 29, 2015 at 08:54 AM

TM

“ Tammy Minton lit a candle in memory of Dennis Clifton Lee



Tammy Minton - April 28, 2015 at 08:26 PM

DH

“ Denise, Johnny and I came by to pay our respect to your Dad today. Was hoping to see you there but I think we were early. Sorry we missed you. We are praying for God to give you the peace and comfort that He alone can give.

Donne Reel Hodge - April 28, 2015 at 01:16 PM

KM

“ *Dennis Lee, We have missed you & will see you in heaven old buddy!!!*

Ken & Sue McCary - April 27, 2015 at 06:37 PM



“ *Callie Belk lit a candle in memory of Dennis Clifton Lee*



Callie Belk - April 27, 2015 at 04:13 PM

JG

“ *Denise...I remember your family from living in Graysville many years ago. They were always so kind and welcoming when my daddy and I would visit. Praying for you in your time of grief.*

Janie Scott Graham - April 27, 2015 at 03:27 PM

DH

“ *Donna Reel Hodge sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis Clifton Lee*



Donna Reel Hodge - April 27, 2015 at 01:28 PM

DH

“Denise, we are so sorry about your Dad. We have so many memories from the yrs as neighbors and you, Gayla & Chad playing in our back yard together. One thing's certain, you were your Dad's little princess. He loved you more than life itself. I enjoyed hearing him whistle every day as he worked outside. From across the street, I was always able to make out every tune, he whistled complete songs so clearly and beautifully. I miss that. You are in our prayers and just a call away if you need us. We love you!

Johnny & Donna Reel Hodge

Donna Reel Hodge - April 27, 2015 at 01:26 PM

CB

“Carol Bitler lit a candle in memory of Dennis Clifton Lee



carol bitler - April 27, 2015 at 11:35 AM