



Elmer Howard Hinds, Jr.

June 29, 1939 - July 15, 2016

Elmer Hinds

Dayton

Elmer Howard Hinds, Jr. 77, passed away on July 15, 2016 at his home in Dayton. He was born on June 29, 1939 in Dayton to Elmer Howard Hinds, Sr. and Cornie Lee (Wilkey) Hinds.

Elmer grew up in Dayton, graduated from Rhea Central High School in 1957. After high school he joined the Army National Guard achieving the rank of Sergeant with an Honorable Discharge. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves. He is a member of the American Legion Post 100, Tennessee American Legion, and the National American Legion.

He attended University of Tennessee, Nashville, and graduated from the Interstate Training School for Cummins Diesel Engines as his major.

He began working in the Trucking Industry as an Account Executive where he won several awards with different branches throughout the Southeast for Cummins Diesel of Indiana. He was the owner of the local Tri-State Truck Parts and Hi-Tech Industries remanufacturing power steering products which catered to the Trucking Industries. He was the owner of Rhea Equipment Company, an International Harvester Dealership for several years.

Elmer married Linda Lou Shaver in 1961 in Dayton, TN. They were happily married for 54 years. He received an award in 2008 for appreciation of “dedication and diligence in organizing and coordinating the Deano’s Golf Tournament” as a fund raiser for the Shaver Scholarship Fund at the Dayton Golf and County Club and was its Director for 10 years before passing it on to others with a 28 yearly scholarships given to date.

He served as Chairman of the Rhea County Republican Party for many years. In his honor he was awarded the first Elmer Hinds Award in 2008, presented annually by the party “for outstanding dedication and service toward establishing Republican principles in Tennessee Government.” He was nominated by Congressman Zack Wamp for District III 2007’s “Statesman of the Year” and honored by Tennessee Republican Chairman Bob Davis and the Tennessee Republican Party in Nashville. Congressman Wamp presented him with the flag that was flown over the U.S. White House in Washington D.C. on April 4, 2008 to honor Elmer Hinds, “a great American Patriot, friend, and an outstanding citizen of Rhea County, Tennessee.”

Elmer was a charter member of the Dayton Jaycees, a Lifetime Member of the Rhea County Historical Society, a member of New Union Baptist Church for over 30 years, and a member of Joe’s Sunday School Class. He was also a member of the Dayton Golf and Country Club and enjoyed golfing with his friends on trips to Waynesville, North Carolina twice yearly.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents Elmer Howard, Sr. and Cornie (Wilkey) Hinds.

He is survived by his wife Linda of Dayton; his children Pamela (Glenn) Mooneyham of Dunlap, Elmer III “Trey” (Teresa) Hinds of Dayton, and Christine “Tina” Hinds of Dayton; his grandchildren Clint Mooneyham of Nashville, Callie (Aaron) Campbell of North Carolina, Logan Hinds, Brayleigh McBryar, Reagan Hinds, Emmy Hinds, and Colt Seiber; his first great-

grandchild Cayne Campbell; and his numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service for Elmer will be held at New Union Baptist Church in Dayton with Dr. Danny Ruehling officiating Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. Burial will follow at the Second Shaver Cemetery in Dayton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Shaver Scholarship Fund, c/o Melissa Farnsworth, 2660 Ogden Road, Dayton, TN 37321, or the charity of your choice.

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

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Sunday afternoon from 2:00pm to 6:00 pm. Elmer will also lie in state at the church one hour before his funeral.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc.
164 Maple St.
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662
tvan193@aol.com

Service

JUL 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

New Union Baptist Church
4106 Double S. Road
Dayton, TN 37321

Tribute Wall

PG

“ *Elmer was quite a gentleman! He will be missed by many people! A good citizen, a good friend, and a Good American!*

Phyllis Gatto - August 01, 2016 at 05:29 PM

RT

“ *My friend, Elmer Hinds, is resting peacefully now with his Lord. I first met Elmer and Linda many years ago when Rhea County was redistricted into the Third Congressional District. I worked for Congressman Zach Wamp for nearly 20 years, mostly in the campaign arena. When we met Elmer and the rest of Rhea County it was such an instant friendship. Elmer was like no other person and was absolutely like no other County Party Chairman. I was so impressed with his excitement, his vigor and his desire to get things done. Elmer made things happen. I always said that I could wish that I could clone Elmer as he was able to be a unifier, an innovator and a friend to everyone he met. My friend Elmer was always available for any task that came up. It was impressive to see what he could do when he brought people together for a common cause. My friend Elmer had a great wit, an always present smile and a heart as big as the valley. My friend Elmer fought hard throughout this whole ordeal. My friend Elmer will be so missed by so many people...but, I, for one, will miss my friend Elmer and am so thankful to God that our paths crossed and we became friends. I look forward to the day when I can be reunited with my friend Elmer, and am sure he will ask me, "What took you so long"?...May the hands of God rest on Linda and the entire family at this time. Love you Elmer!*

Rick Tucker - July 20, 2016 at 12:33 PM

PB

“ *Paul / JoAnna Byrd lit a candle in memory of Elmer Howard Hinds, Jr.*



Paul / JoAnna Byrd - July 17, 2016 at 08:14 PM

BW

“ *Becky Thomas Winkler lit a candle in memory of Elmer Howard Hinds, Jr.*



Becky Thomas Winkler - July 17, 2016 at 12:18 AM

LG

“ *I love Elmer and Linda they use to live next door to us when I was a kid. They were the sweetest people and I use to go over and talk to them all of the time. I will miss Elmer and I will always love them like family.*

Love u all Linda Gallagher Gentry

Linda Gallagher Gentry - July 16, 2016 at 09:33 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - July 16, 2016 at 03:24 PM

AT

“ I am so thankful we were able to be at the same table at my parent's 50th celebration! Keeping all of you in prayer!

With Sympathy, Andrea Ryan Thress

Andrea Thress - July 16, 2016 at 11:34 AM

PH

“ Best neighbors I ever had, Mr Murphy, Mr Walden, Mr Hinds. I miss All Of Them. Patrich Hennessey

patrick Hennessey - July 16, 2016 at 09:11 AM

KM

“ Kathy And Howard Miller lit a candle in memory of Elmer Howard Hinds, Jr.



Kathy and Howard Miller - July 15, 2016 at 11:55 PM

JC

“ *Elmer was a good and decent man,one I always respected,may God wrap his loving arms around you Linda,as well as the rest of the family, john cline*

John cline - July 15, 2016 at 09:06 PM

JB

“ *We are so sorry and the family is in our prayers*



Jeff & Donna Burgess - July 15, 2016 at 07:08 PM

LA

“ *Elmer was a good friend of mine since we were teenagers. He had a great sense of humor and was always fun to be around. The legacy he has left will not be forgotten. To his beautiful family, Linda and his children, I extend my utmost respect and condolences.. May the peace and comfort of our Lord be with you during this sad time.*

Linda Bandy Arnold - July 15, 2016 at 03:28 PM

DK

“ *Darryl N Vicky Shaver Kelly lit a candle in memory of Elmer Howard Hinds, Jr.*



Darryl N Vicky Shaver Kelly - July 15, 2016 at 02:06 PM