

Truman Callaway Tucker

January 5, 1933 - April 9, 2018

Truman Callaway Tucker died Monday, April 9, 2018, at his home in Dayton with his family near him. He was preceded in death by his parents Jobe and Grace Hollingshead Tucker; brothers, Creed, Delano and Carroll; and sister Birdie Veal Martin, all of Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

Truman was retired from the Knoxville City and Knox County Schools having served as president of the Knoxville Education Association. He taught wood technology and was a charter life member of the Tennessee Industrial Arts Association. Prior to teaching, he was elected Monroe County Property Assessor and was president of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers during his term.

He was a veteran of both the US Army and Air Force, primarily serving in present-day Alaska and McDill Air Force base in Florida. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Sweetwater Post 106, Veterans of Foreign Wars Sweetwater Post 5156, and Disabled American Veterans Sweetwater Chapter 93. He previously served as officer of the Veterans Affairs office of Monroe County. For many years he served as a member of the VFW's Military Honor Guard at funerals of veterans and military celebrations.

Throughout his life, Truman supported numerous civic and community organizations. He was a member of the board of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center in Knoxville and a member of the Sacred Circle of St. Labre Indian School of Ashland, Montana. For many years he enjoyed life on the family cattle farm in Sweetwater.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Fitzgerald Tucker; sons, Scott Karas (Michelle) Tucker of Knoxville and Andrew F. (Amber) Tucker, grandchildren, Lillian Leigh and Philip of Dayton; and brother, Reed Tucker of Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, April 10, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Vanderwall Funeral Home. Graveside services with full military honors will be held Wednesday, April 11, at 12:00 p.m. at the Shaver Cemetery. Rev. Clyde Fitzgerald and Rev. T.J. Burdine will officiate the service.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be sent to the scholarship fund at Rhea County Academy, where his grandchildren are students. Rhea County Academy, Tucker Memorial, 123 Summerfield Lane, Dayton, TN 37321.

Please share your memories of Truman on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com .

Cemetery Details

Shaver Cemetery

Dayton, tn

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Service

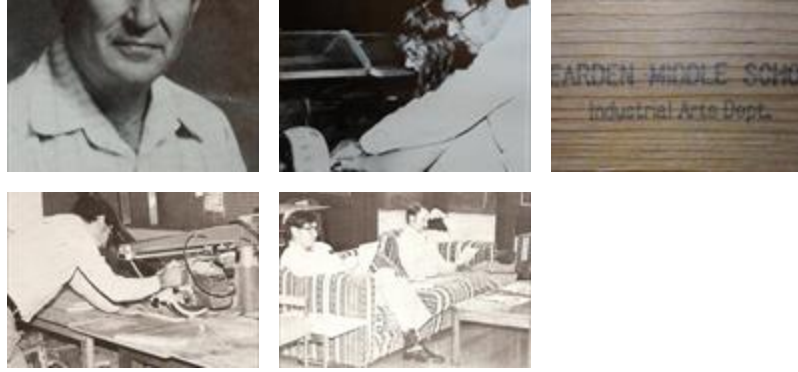
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Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall



“ I had Mr. Tucker for 6th grade woodworking class in the Industrial Arts Department at Bearden Middle School in Knoxville during the 1980 - 1981 school year. I remember him being a strict disciplinarian on his students doing things right the first time and for always following wood shop safety rules. I remember one time forgetting my homework and he made me write 500 times on paper "I will not forget my homework." Turned this in the next day and he would make you look at him as he ripped up the pages full of your sentences. There was one other time where he had taught us a certain way to lay a wood chipper down on the table with the blade laying sideways and not facing into the table. Silly me forget this simple safety rule and Mr. Tucker went off on me big time about it and made me write 500 times "I will not leave the wood chipper with the blade facing down in to the table." Besides being a strict disciplinarian, Mr. Tucker also taught me the importance of being a productive worker by manufacturing a product from a simple piece of wood. Our product that we made in 6th grade was a desk sign with our name on it, which I'm proud to say that I still have mine 37 years later complete with a stamp on the bottom of it that says "Bearden Middle School - Industrial Arts Dept." We made the wood base for it, while Mr. Tucker's counterpart in the plastics shop, teacher Mr. Jack Campbell, whose class we also took, engraved our names into each sign. I've tried to keep up with Mr. Tucker since leaving Bearden after the '80 - '81 school year and moving to Oak Ridge. Sometime around 1985, I read in the Knoxville Journal about the City of Knoxville's budget crises due to a large part to the amount of debt being incurred as a result of hosting the '82 World's Fair and the city slashing funding for certain city school system programs like Industrial Arts as a result. All of which made me wonder what was going to happen to Mr. Tucker. I'm glad to see that he continued to live a good life continued having a career after these cuts happened and that he was able to retire from the old Knoxville City School System before it merged with Knox County Schools in 1988. Sorry for the family's loss. I've uploaded some pictures of Mr. Tucker courtesy of the 1981 Bearden Middle School yearbook entitled "Bear Tracks."



Robbie Stewart - May 08, 2018 at 10:18 AM

MP

“ *Andy, Amber and the whole family. I am very sorry for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort in this time of sorrow and of joy, rejoicing that Truman is in glory with our heavenly Father.*

Mary Pendergrass

Mary Pendergrass - April 11, 2018 at 09:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Truman Callaway Tucker.*



April 10, 2018 at 09:47 AM

RB

“ I extend my deepest sympathies to your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Robin Brady

Robin Brady - April 10, 2018 at 08:57 AM

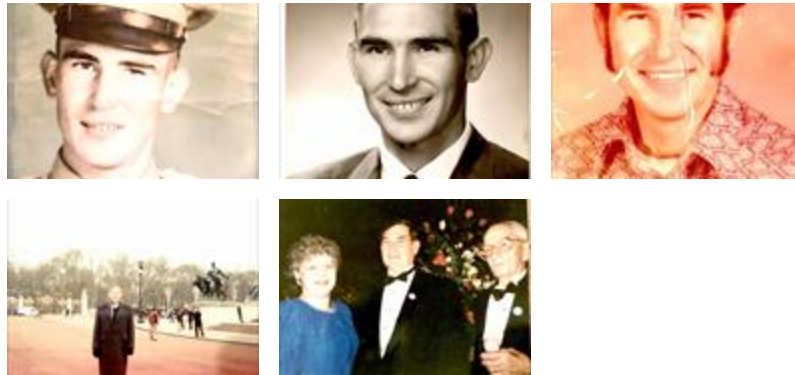
BR

Becky, I said a prayer for you & your family. God bless you all as you grieve & grant you peace.
Brenda Kelly Marler

Brenda - April 15, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - April 10, 2018 at 08:22 AM

BS

“ I want to extend my sympathy on the loss of Truman to Becky, Andy and the rest of the family. I always enjoyed talking to Truman. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Barry Self - April 09, 2018 at 05:59 PM