



## Mr. Dexter M. Lane

August 26, 1933 - November 16, 2014

Dexter M. Lane, 81, of East Ridge, TN died Sunday November 16, 2014 at his home following a life of faithful, devoted service to many.

"Dek" was born on August 26, 1933 in a log cabin in Middlesboro, KY. Following a childhood in Elizabethton, TN, he married, had children, and enlisted in the US Air Force for 4 years during the Korean War. After his service was complete, he, his wife and children lived in Cincinnati, OH, before moving to Chattanooga where he spent the final 35 years of his life.

"Granddaddy" as his eight grandchildren affectionately knew him, was a steady, strong, and gentle presence in the lives of an adoring family, respecting friends, and admiring neighbors. A man of quiet trust and adoration of God, his generous manner and warmth was an example for others. And he was the one so many called for help, for he could fix just about anything.

An avid fan of UT football and Lady Vols basketball, "Dek" not only enjoyed discussing the latest developments on the team, but also ribbing any Alabama fans nearby as he also loved to laugh and had a pleasant sense of humor. He found pleasure in a Nascar race as well.

Of course, his primary devotions were to his children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than the company of these that he loved with such fidelity, warmth, and constancy.

"Dek" was preceded in death by his parents, J. Ernest and Katie B. Lane

Woods; a brother, James E. Lane, Jr, a sister, Coleen L. Todd, and a beloved daughter, Teresa L. Smith.

Dexter is survived by a sister, Frances Woods of Lakeside, CA, his daughter, Debbie L. Youngblood of Flintstone, GA, Bryan (Brenda) Lane of Chattanooga, TN, and Jim (Michelle) Henderson of Dexter, MI and Thomas Lowman whom he adored as a son. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren, G. Eric Youngblood of Lookout Mountain, GA; Meresa Y. Pope of Boone, NC; Gabe L. Smith of Dalton, GA; Ara and Matthew Lane of Chattanooga, TN; and Trevor, Nicole, and Kylie Henderson of Cincinnati, OH. He is further survived by 6 great-grandchildren; W. Kahler and E. Ander Youngblood of Lookout Mountain, GA; Rhianna G. and M. Luka Verholek of Boone, NC; Garrett and Maya Smith of Dalton, GA.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday November 21, 2014 at Wilson Funeral Home in Fort Oglethorpe. The family will receive visitors on Thursday night, November 20, 2014 from 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm at the funeral home and from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon on Friday.

Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. (706)866-5555

# Tribute Wall

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“ A true friend and an awesome father figure. He will be truly missed by my family. I loved him like a father. And I looked up to him so many times. I'm going to miss you Dex. Going to miss ragging you during the Bama/Vols game. Roll Tide. Love you Dex

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**Nick Lowman - Oberlin, LA - Friend/Son** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I've known Dexter for 20 years and he was one of the finest men I've ever known. Ever the gentleman and a smile on his face. He was a hard, reliable worker on odd jobs and it was always a pleasure to see him come into the office I worked at at the time. I'll never hear "Sweet Vicki" again without remembering this fine man. Rest in peace, Dexter; your work in this old world is done and you left it better than you found it. I'm glad to have been your friend.

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**Vicki Hawkins - Rossville, GA - friend** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our prayers are with the family, and hope that the Lord will comfort them during this time of loss. Like most of Dexter's family and friends this was a shock to us and saddened us greatly. When we were together at family gatherings I always looked for Dex, because I enjoyed discussing issues of mutual interest and enjoyed his company. Dex's smile, kindness, gentleness, and thoughtfulness will be greatly missed as well. In short, Dex will be profoundly missed in the future. And the void that our grandchildren (Dex's great-grandchildren) will experience will be endlessly shared.

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**Dr. & Mrs. Don Gala - Hixson, TN - Friend & in-law of grandson.** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Lane was a sweet man who was always around with a smile and a wave. We have lived behind him for the past 7 years. He has watched our daughter grow up. She always looked for him on his back porch on warm afternoons and he was usually there with a big wave. We will truly miss him and are praying for your family during this time.*

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**Kelli and Jeremy Haws - Chattanooga, TN - neighbor** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Uncle Dek filled a void in my childhood that my own father left. He helped my mother take care of my brother and I and always had a card with \$10.00 in it for EVERY birthday, Christmas or milestone. And boy did I think that I was rich with that \$10, but most of all I knew that I was rich because I had a wonderful, loving family, Uncle Dek kept the memory of my dad alive as I never knew him. He would tell me stories of dad, him and their side of the family. He made sure that we were taken care of. Time has a way of getting away from you. And I'm so sorry that I let that happen . I love you Uncle Dek, and I hope you are singing with the angels now. Tell Mom and Dad hi for me. I love you and I will carry in my heart all of the memories that we have shared and know that you are looking down smiling. Thank you for being the best Uncle a girl could have.*

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**Donna Lockwood ( Lane) - Rock Spring , GA - neice ( James E. Lane's daughter**  
- November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM